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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Good evening,

With Texas' growth in population, you have been assigned to the very important and complicated task of drawing roughly equally populated districts to guarantee equal voter representation. Past Texas history and court rulings have highlighted that the later purpose has not always been the objective. Then when political leaders specifically direct that the lines be drawn to give their political party the advantage, anger and distrust explodes. We are a stronger, more productive, and resilient community when we are willing to work together. I urge you to set aside attempted party manipulations, and let some of the following considerations be part of your guide:

- Residents should have easy & safe access to their voting options, locations & elected representatives
 - Representatives should be able understand and advocate for their community's needs.
 - Residents and representatives should be motivated to work together and create opportunities and programs that can build and bring out the best in each other.
 - Residents should be able to expect integrity, respect, and truth from their local and national governments.
 - 40% of Texans are white yet they have 65% of the representation
 - About 2 million people moved to Texas based on the 2020 Census, less than 10 % were white, yet two more white districts were created in 2021.
 - Presidents Trumps attempt to redistrict is likely due to his concern about Republicans losing control of the House of Representatives after the midterms. In light of recent weather related calamities and poor responses, Derecho, Winter Storm Uri, Hill country Floods etc. and mass school shootings during Republican legislatures control he might not be wrong!
 - Gerrymandering is done by both parties. When local populations are deprived of representatives that know their issues, these issues are not addressed and that population suffers. This affects voters of all races.
 - Citizens should elect their representatives; gerrymandering allows representatives to pick themselves.
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