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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Elected officials are elected to represent all the people in the communities they serve, not one selected group. The move by Governor Abbott to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking away from communities of color is not the right thing to do. It is racial discrimination. In Texas whites are 45% of the state's population, but control 70% of the congressional districts. The disparity is even more in the Dallas-Fort-Worth area, where whites are only 20% of the population but have 80 percent of the congressional seats (Carol Anderson, Historian) The Texas population growth over the last decade indicate that people of color have increased in our communities. However, our Texas congress continue to reduce the majority representation. Lawmakers told the court that the maps drawn in 2021 race was not a factor. This is not true. Racial data must be taken in consideration for fair and equal representation and to uphold the VOTING RIGHTS ACT. When maps are manipulated it distorts the very foundation of democracy. It silences the voices of those already struggling to be heard. Allow the federal courts to make a ruling on the current litigation and new maps should be adopted if and when the court deems them necessary. Districts should elect candidates that reelects the needs of their communities. Government works best to solve the real problems of ordinary people: affordable housing, a living wages, good public school and quality health care.

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