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Message:

When I look at the state and federal maps for my district, I am completely confused. At the state level, my home sits in an odd left arm that attaches me to several areas to the south and east with which I share only the most limited common interest. Meanwhile, families with whom my children attend school are not in my district. Federally, my district is so strangely drawn that I feel like I am not being represented at all. I am being taxed, but not represented in Washington DC. I have very little in common with people in Rusk or Alto, Texas - not schools, not light rail and roads, not hospitals, not police and other first responders, etc . . .

As you begin your redistricting process following the 2020 census, I ask the following:

1. Provide complete transparency. Make all debate, discussion, and suggested maps public. There is a significant crisis of confidence in government in general and elected officials in particular right now. Transparency is the only cure.
2. Use a non-partisan, independent commission (rather than yourselves) to draw the districts. Do not use personal data and specifically choose individual houses. That is representative choosing the voter rather than the other way. It is a corrupt attempt to try to maintain power. Other states, such as Iowa, use non-partisan commissions and their maps seem to make more sense. Those states have less public distrust of elected officials and less law suits. Texas has spent enough tax payer dollars on frivolous law suits.
3. Draw the lines in accordance with tax bases such as city boundaries, school districts or county hospitals. To do otherwise truly is taxation without representation.

In conclusion, please use this opportunity to make our electoral districts make sense rather than making them look corrupt.

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