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Regarding: Senate

Message:

In order to end hyper-partisan redistricting, I support legislation be crafted to create an independent redistricting commission that would function independently of the Legislature. That commission should use clear timelines, criteria, and procedures to draw the maps and allow for citizen participation throughout the entire map-making process.

The last decade of redistricting litigation was very contentious and resulted in findings of intentional racial discrimination and constitutional violations. We should make this redistricting process more fair and representative of the population in Texas which reflects the diversity of the whole community in those districts.

Political and racial gerrymandering distorts and undermines representative democracy by allowing officials to select their voters rather than voters to elect their officials.

I urge you to create this new commission for this redistricting process and all future ones as well.

Please use fairness in your process.

Thank you,

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