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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Firstly I think there should be an Independent Redistricting Commission that does the redistricting. It is to the point that in most states the politicians are choosing their voters and gerrymandering others out of any representation. The way that districts are done using computer models to get the most votes for their own party make our many districts so ridiculously shaped and meandering around to get specific voters in their district are disgusting and the antithesis of having a representative democracy. Poll after poll in the state of Texas show that most voters do not agree with what our Texas government keeps pushing forward but because our districts are so gerrymandered the representatives doing the voting don't actually represent what the citizens of Texas support. These districts should be about truly representing the will of the citizens of this state and not about one party keeping power over others, especially when their policies aren't supported by the majority.

Secondly we need to get back to the point where people on opposite sides actually work together, negotiate and compromise to get to the best outcomes for citizens. Living in this time where people on both sides look at compromise as evil, so little gets done. Or when you have someplace so gerrymandered, as in Texas, then policies that the majority of citizens do not support get pushed through. We need to get back to our citizens actually being represented and policies in place that the true majority support. The first way we get back to that is to stop this gerrymandering of districts.

I know this will be ignored by the party currently in power but I want it on record that partisan gerrymandering is ruining this state and this country. Independent commissions should be required to do redistricting in every state no matter what party is in power.

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