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Message:

I am disappointed by the redistricting proposals. The primary purpose of redistricting should be to ensure the voices of all Texans are represented in the legislature. Yet the proposed districts create unnatural jurisdictions that include very rural with very urban areas.

While there are many commonalities between urban and rural Texans, there are localized issues that may greatly concern a rancher or farmer that have no weight whatsoever with someone in an urban environment, and vice versa. Passing proposals that will improve the quality of life for each will be unnecessarily difficult and time consuming, involving significant education for those not affected by the proposal, who may see the cost as outweighing the benefit merely because they do not understand.

The proposed redistricting plan is also a blatant attempt to silence minority voices. Disagreement makes our democracy stronger, and compromise is often the wisest course. By attempting to silence those with whom the current legislative majority disagrees for political purposes, our state is weakened. Overt racism will never make our state or our country stronger. Texans have a wide variety of perspectives. There is room in our legislature for all of them.

Finally, I am opposed to the proposed redistricting plan because it is clearly a political power-grab. But state legislators represent real people with real lives - not political pawns. Redistricting - regardless of party - should never be a political power play. Rather than seek to favor one party or another, let's seek to make sure the legislature is working for the people.

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