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## Message:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak about redistricting. I live in HD14 and SD5.

We had an extremely successful national election in 2019. All states verified the election results, and said that the election had no significant fraudulent activity.

Here we are, with redistricting in the works. I believe that gerrymandering is a threat to our democracy. Voters need to choose their representatives; representatives should not choose their voters.

The new census data has indicated that over 90% of the new residents in Texas are Black and people of color. However, there are no projected new districts which reflect this reality. These citizens should not be denied proper representation at the state and federal levels. I would hate to think that my legislators are engaged in election rigging by drawing districts which look like ducks, mice, and abstract shapes and have no logical basis for existing.

In the 21st century, we have many tools which can be used to draw nonpartisan districts based on sensible geographic lines. Texas is a national leader in many things. I urge you to restore our faith in our institutions by drawing fair congressional districts, and to take additional public comment after the proposed maps are published.

Thank you. I'm hoping for the best.