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Message:

I have been a resident of multiple counties along the Texas Gulf Coast - Chambers, Harris, Galveston, and finally, Matagorda. I would like to state that I have seen few things as outrageous as the geographical boundaries of Texas's 14th congressional district, currently represented by Randy Weber. Now, to be honest, hardly anything passes Mr. Weber's lips that has any relevance to reality or current challenges facing the nation, but the problem that I am more specifically addressing is one of representation in conjunction with the needs of residents.

All, the shape of the 14th district is a *barbell.* And while not every Texan is familiar with the local area, Texans in Beaumont have very different needs from Texans in Pearland. The broad swathe of Brazoria County that composes most of the southwestern area of the 14th is extremely conservative, wealthy, religious, and approximately 45% white. The median yearly income is around \$84,000. Jefferson County's population, on the other hand, is much more diverse. There is a population composed of approximately 39% white residents, 33% black residents, and around 20% of Hispanic residents. The median income here is \$55,000 per year. And, lest I neglect to mention the needs of the people in the "handle" of the barbell, the population of Galveston Island was approximately 47,000 people in 2010, and the population of Bolivar Peninsula (and Goat Island, haha) and the McFadden National Wildlife Refuge is no more than 3,000.

Now, if someone had a nasty suspicious mind like I do, they might just think that these two geographically disparate areas were tied together with a barrier island to suppress the political will of Texans in Beaumont!

But let's get real here, that's exactly what it was meant to do. It's so obvious that a child could see it. The Supreme Court *did* see it, but they decided that it was the state's problem to fix, thinking that you lot had more integrity than you actually do. But you should fix it and stop this nonsense. I mean, I'd be surprised if you all, as part of the ruling party of Texas, would change what's working so well for you, but the shenanigans have not gone unnoticed. And I'm loud and irritating and I keep telling people about them.

And I'm telling you now to stop silencing the voices of Texans by misrepresenting them. It is dishonorable and cowardly and proof that you are afraid to let voters judge you on your merits - you instead choose to silence them.

History is watching you - history is always watching - and people like me will always be around to make sure your ill deeds are not forgotten.

