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Message:

Hello,

I am a current US D-10 resident, currently being "represented" by McCaul. If these maps pass, I will no longer be in D-10. At first, I was ecstatic. I had finally broken free from one of the most poorly drawn maps in Texas.

To my HORROR, I noticed that instead of put Westlake in a westward district like it belongs, the committee had snaked the district further north to dilute the power of the suburbs and to maintain a district for McCaul.

A man who few constituents, Republican or Democrat, had seen if they weren't buying \$10k campaign donations dinners. This leaves hundreds of thousands of voters from Westlake to Tomball trying to organize a primary challenge on McCaul to have to travel nearly 250 miles end to end (I drive this route regularly). It takes 3 hours to even traverse the district. That is shameful and you know it. It is unreasonable and unconstitutional.

I beg anyone who will listen in

the Capitol to please change these maps. In addition to my personal experience with disenfranchisement, I am also aware of the disenfranchisement that millions of Black and Latino voters are currently facing.

Despite the fact that white and Latino populations each make up 39% of people in Texas, white voters retained the majority in 59% of the proposed districts as compared to only 20% for Latinos. Despite the Black population of the state making up 11% of the state, they are the majority of the population in under 3% of the proposed districts. No district has a majority Asian population despite LARGE population growths in the south Houston area. Meanwhile 18 districts maintain no clear racial majority. (<https://www.texastribune.org/2021/10/04/texas-redistricting-racial-representation/>)

Majority Minority districts are required by the Constitution and it's subsequent interpretation by hundreds of local state and federal judges.

This committee has trampled the Constitution in an attempt to strip the rights of Voters of Color and poor Texans throughout the entire state. This vicious attack on our democracy will not be tolerated. These maps will spend years in court and be changed numerous times without your say. Correct these malicious maps now while there is still a chance.

Thank you,
Andrew Brandt

