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Regarding: Senate

Message:

We are at a crossroads at this time and the decisions you make will influence and potentially weaken our democracy for a decade to

come. As the 2020 census is returned and representatives such as yourselves are delegated to redistrict, I implore you to think back

to when you first got elected to the Texas State Senate. I can only begin to imagine the excitement and reverence you felt at that time;

I am sure you promised yourself that you would do right by your fellow Texans and your constituents. However, you may have lost that

feeling of reverence, honor, or whatever you may wish to call it due to the demands and partisanship of modern-day politics. But I call

on you to please remember that promise you made to yourself. Put aside petty partisanship, it doesn't matter who is at fault—

Republicans or Democrats—all that matters is that you do what is right. You have been endowed with the power to make a decision

that will impact the lives of millions for another ten years; do not be on the wrong side of history when you are called to put that

decision into action. You know that constituents are meant to choose their representatives, but at the moment it is the other way

around. Partisan gerrymandering robs voters of their right to a meaningful choice at the polls and that weakens our democracy. I have

seen the way my district is shaped and every time I see it, I am appalled. How could partisanship become so disgusting that

representatives begin to think it is okay to suppress the rights of millions? At the end of the day, are we not all on one side? Does not

the thread of decency, statehood, and nationality tie us all together? We are all Americans and we are all Texans.

Our voices should

not be suppressed. Yet, Austin, the capital of Texas has not once voted the way its constituents have in the polls for years now. Due to

breaking the city into 6 different districts, Representatives of 2011 have effectively silenced the voice of almost a million. The following

are names that will live in infamy for gerrymandering the state of Texas in 2011:

Kevin P. Eltife

Robert F. 'Bob' Deuell

Robert Nichols  
Tommy Williams  
Steve Ogden  
Dan Patrick  
Florence D. Shapiro  
Chris Harris  
Mike Jackson  
Jane Gray Nelson  
John J. Carona  
Joan Huffman  
Glenn Hegar Jr.  
Brian Birdwell  
Troy L. Fraser  
Earl Jeffrey 'Jeff' Wentworth  
Robert L. Duncan  
Craig Estes  
Kel Seliger

I hope your name does not appear on the next list. We look up to our representatives and we look up to you, so please lead by example and lead ethically. Thank you for your time.

