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Message:

My name is Amy Zavesky and I currently live in Austin, TX ([REDACTED]), but grew up in a small Texas town, El Campo [REDACTED]. Thank you for this opportunity to have my voice heard.

I am deeply distressed about how divided we are as a country. Gerrymandering has only made that partisan divide worse. I ask that you support redistricting reform, specifically, that you allow for an independent commission, one not affiliated with either political party, to draw the district lines that uses objective criteria so that the commission can draw maps that are fair, competitive, and represent all Texans.

I live in a northwest Austin suburb, but share my representative to the US Congress with towns and communities hours away from here. I drive through these towns and small cities on my way to visit my parents in El Campo. I can say from experience, that the needs of my part of Austin are very dissimilar from the needs of communities in rural areas of the state. I do not believe that the same congress person can represent both our interests fairly. This is one of many reasons I believe that the districts should be redrawn by independent demographers, not political actors.

Legislators and political parties should not be allowed to draw their own district lines. I believe that, in doing so, politics becomes more divided, special interests get more influence, and my vote matters less. An independent redistricting commission will give legitimacy to the process and ensure all voters are represented fairly.

For the future of Texas, I am asking you to support redistricting reform and create an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

With gratitude,

Amy Zavesky

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