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Message:

How do we infuse our faith and values into the sacred act of voting? And I emphasize sacred act because it truly feels part of the way we give expression to our deepest, soulful yearning for a world made whole. When I snap the selfie with my kids outside our polling station, when I carefully mark each tab, when I place the sticker on my lapel, it is not just about completing my civic duty—it is about connecting to my faith, it's bringing God with me to the polling station and doing so authentically. It is about connecting me to the long line of leaders and everyday people who fought vigorously for our freedom.

As a clergy person in Texas, I want to make clear the following message: our faith traditions guide us towards a world where fairness and equality must be the bedrock of our voting process. As a constituent in Texas, I am deeply concerned--I am outraged--that the redistricting proposals set forth in this latest round of the Legislative Session seek to further limit the rights of Texas citizens, namely those who are people of color. The lack of transparency in the drawing of these maps and the manner in which they are drawn is truly unjust.

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