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Representative Flynn Disappointed in House Redistricting Plan

Austin, TX - This week the Texas House of Representatives passed a House Redistricting Committee map by a vote of 92-52. Representative Flynn stated, "I am deeply disappointed in the map that was passed today concerning redistricting. At a time when it is important to grow our Republican majority, especially among conservatives, placing conservatives in contests against each other is not the right course."

Despite providing the committee a map that all of the East Texas Members agreed to that paired no one, the final map that was drawn took a district which is currently anchored in Texarkana and stretched it to Paris. Some districts would lose as much as 85% of their current district and significantly alter most of the districts under the plan that passed. There is deep concern that the map is unrepresentative of communities of interest, especially as they apply to East Texas.

For Representative Flynn he would be paired with another member and the new district is shaped like a "C" and would require driving through an adjacent district to get to the other side of the new district.

Representative Flynn stated, "Many have written or called expressing concerns of protectionism and seemingly targets on the backs of some conservatives. I am still concerned that the earlier map was not used and am most disappointed to have lost Rains County that I have had the privilege to serve for almost ten years." He further stated, "Additionally, and of extreme concern for all, is that placing this many conservatives against each other is not right for those districts and not right for Texas. I am saddened with the rush to vote this legislation out of the House without fixing these concerns."

The 82nd Legislature has a 101 member Super Majority of Republicans in the Texas House and to maintain that majority the map will need to have some changes. The House approved plan now goes to the Senate for consideration. If the Senate does not approve the map or if the Governor were to veto, the Legislative Redistricting Board (LRB) will be charged with drawing the state map. The LRB consists of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Speaker Joe Straus, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Comptroller Susan Combs, and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

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