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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about gerrymandering.

I voted for the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission in 2008 and have been proud of their nonpartisan work. I will now happily vote to end it. The current federal government is a threat to our country, values and democracy and the shameful capitulation by the entire Republican party legislators, judges and now state executives - to the bizarre antidemocratic whims of the President is terrifying. Governor Abbott's threat this week to steal a few more House seats was yet another example adding to the frustration of watching this coup. It is refreshing and very welcome to see you leading the Democrats in pushing back.

Thank you for your forceful response to the Texas Governor.

My pride in California derives in part from our political leadership.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson