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I know – Republicans *count* on gerrymandering to win in many states!

But having politicians choose their constituents rather than the other way around dilutes democracy. It is not only wrong – I believe it actually contributes to extremism!

I believe if Democrats promote fairness – universal health care, better jobs and wages, consumer, worker and environmental protection, racial justice – they can win without skewing the system. I also believe we lost the Fair Tax fight because Illinois is so corrupt no one trusts political leaders. Political leaders need to *clean up their act!* Non-partisan redistricting is an important step in doing this. (Public financing of campaigns might be another.)

I also believe if districts are drawn fairly, keeping communities intact, it will be easier to elect the kind of candidates who can solve seemingly intractable problems such as Illinois' pension crisis.

I'm a member of the Democrats' liberal base and I certainly want to be respected and heard – but solutions have to be practical and workable, paid for fairly, and geared towards actually making peoples' lives better. I believe it will be easier to elect candidates smart and compassionate enough to do this if boundaries are not gerrymandered.

Thank you.

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