The clear and present efforts to marginalize and disenfranchise people of color or of Democratic leaning areas by Republican led congressional map drawing is appalling. This state is being gerrymandered to death by a desperate cabal of extremists who, instead of offering political messaging that draws voters’ support, are choosing their voters to retain their seats. How is it that a state known for its friendliness and independence is allowing extremists from out of state, Dan Patrick, Chip Roy, Ken Paxton, and Dan Crenshaw to name a few, to determine the political future of one of the most diverse states while it is people of color and the populations of this state’s largest and most democratic cities that are driving the economic success of the state is outrageous and ridiculous. Liberal culture is what is drawing large companies to cities like Austin, San Antonio, and Houston not the draconian efforts of cultists to bend the population to their extreme will. Texas is a wonderful place and it’s a shame that people like Dan Patric and Paxton have grifted their way into leadership with their east coast brand of bigotry and hate. We’re all Texans and we all deserve an equal voice. Equal access to the ballot box is our right and these gerrymandered districts prevent that access.