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Message:
As long as redistricting is in the hands of the majority party, whether Republican or Democrat, citizens will struggle to have fair representation in elections to public office. While not perfect, nonpartisan redistricting commissions have worked better to put the interests of voters before incumbent legislators.

The proposed Texas congressional map is a partisan power grab that fails to accurately reflect the 2020 Census data that shows 95 percent of Texas’ population growth came from people of color and was centered in urban and suburban communities.

The Texas Legislature has an opportunity to undo current gerrymandering and draw a fair map that reflects census data, but instead it is proposing a gerrymandered map that clearly ignores community input and the census data. It is time for the state of Texas to move to a nonpartisan commission to develop our district maps.

Until that happens, I urge the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting to give the voters in the Lone Star State the fair representation and fair maps they deserve.