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Message:

Texans deserve to be represented by leaders who are diverse, educated, and fair. Redistricting should be conducted by an impartial committee, not a partisan process. Gerrymandering dilutes the voting power of minorities. It makes it more difficult for the representatives to travel all over their district to hear the voices of their constituents.

The growth from the recent census is mainly in metropolitan areas, and Harris County and Travis County should each have a new member of Congress!

Voting rights advocates have genuine concerns about the constitutionality of these maps. Given the enormous increase in population amongst voters of color over the last decade, even maintaining representation for voters of color, which isn't guaranteed under this proposed map, would be grossly inadequate. There are patterns of packing and cracking of Black, Latinx, and AAPI communities across the state. Both Harris and Dallas Counties are of particular concern, with the proposed maps fracturing communities so badly that it is difficult to decipher exactly which district you are in.

It is shameful that Texas continues to be dominated by so many small rural counties to the detriment of urban Texans. The commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, George P. Bush, prevented federal relief money from being distributed to victims of Hurricane Harvey, which impacted Houston the most. Texas has a failed Power Grid, PUC, infrastructure, healthcare system, educational system, and should use its \$8 Billion TX Day Fund and federal money to help Texans, not put profits in the pocket of special interest groups. I am ashamed to be a Texan, and hope it will be reformed and better represent its suffering citizens.

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