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Message:  
The new maps submitted by PLANS2101 is a highly gerrymandered plan that significantly reduces competitiveness of its districts. Instead of enabling voters to choose their legislators, it serves to protect specific legislators from accountability to their voters. Statistics show there has been disjointed redistricting that serves to undermine the people's will in said districts. Legislators should not draw maps. Enabling the majority party to draw maps with the aim of ensuring their continued grip on power - irrespective of how their policies may diverge from the majority of Texas voters is a conflict of interest. It undermines the legitimacy of the democratic process. Many states have independent, non-partisan commissions to ensure fair maps.

Personally, I live in a county that is Democrat and my Tx Senator flipped to Nathan Johnson in 2018. My district now is gerrymandered with Wise County. My district's issues could not be more different than Wise County. Wise County is predominantly Republican and I now have a Tx Senator who is Republican, and an incumbent. This a blatant attempt to drown out voices/votes. I am angry that Republicans can do this with no regard to my representation or the consequences to me as a voter. This is not the will of the people. This is the will of legislators to retain power at the expense of fair representation.