I was disappointed, though not surprised, to read analyses of the initial redistricting maps and see that there are NO competitive districts as the boundaries are currently drawn. While it’s upsetting to know that many elected officials will continue to win their seats by winning their party primary, there’s a bigger concern I have. Incumbents making legislative decisions with an eye toward reelection will be rewarded for being more extreme in their position than other potential candidates in their own party - instead of being rewarded for representing all of their constituents, whom they are sworn to serve.

I would much prefer maps that, even if they are drawn to favor the majority party, lead to competitive races such that our elected officials are incentivized to listening to the needs and desires of ALL voters. All Texans would benefit from such districts, even as Republicans continued to control the legislature.