As a tax paying voter in the state of Texas, I have to say that I am appalled but not surprised at the maps being put forward. The very transparent attempts to gerrymander away non-white voting power and consolidate GOP majorities, despite voters in these districts having very little in common economically, are an embarrassment on the national stage. TX-2, TX-6, TX-10, TX-15, TX-17 and TX-33 are all very clear attempts to compact minorities into segregated districts, and moving forward with this map will be a huge waste of taxpayer money, considering that many voter rights groups have already indicated their willingness to sue the state if this map becomes law. I’d argue it wouldn’t be very fiscally conservative to push this flawed map through, but it would certainly be a shameless power grab.