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To: Senate Redistricting

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Regarding: Senate

Message:

95% of the growth in Texas over the past decade has come from minorities. This proposal whitewashes the districts, not only not reflecting the growth over the past decade, but actually tamping down further the representation that minorities do have. We've just paid out \$6.8 million in attorney's fees because the map introduced in 2011 was deemed to be racist, this map is even worse. Just because the GOP has managed to gut the voting rights bill since the Shelby decision, doing away with pre-clearance, doesn't mean that there are no rules. Creating a bill specifically meant to tamp down minority voting power will end up costing us even more once that case is settled. Instead of doing everything in your power to cling on to your waning influence by gerrymandering, perhaps you can instead do something that will convince voters to vote for you.