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## Message:

The proposed redistricting map is once again being engineered for partisan gain. While this technically may get a pass in terms of legality based on partisanship (SCOTUS has already punted on this question), it is once again sending a message to voters that only people in the Republican party are the voters that the legislature is concerned with. The racial overtones of the proposed maps are staggering. For once, improve the image of the legislature and the government in Austin for all of the people of Texas by drawing fair maps that do not consolidate or split minority populations to the point their voices aren't heard or well represented in the government. Redistricting should be done by an independent commission. If these maps are the final proposal to the legislature, they will surely be met with legal challenges and just like in 2011, likely consigned to the trash bin. Save the taxpayers some money, draw fair maps, and let's have an election where everyone's voice can be heard in an equitable manner.