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Let's Break the Cycle

We've been here before and it never ends well. The party in control, controls the maps. Unfortunately, here in Texas that party doesn't exactly have a solid history of doing the right thing. Every decade since Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, Texas has been found to be in violation of federal protections. Let's change that!

Out of desperation to stay in control, we see our legislators scramble to save their jobs by picking their voters. To this I must ask, the last time you applied for a job, did you pick your interviewer? Did you hand select the panel during the interview process? Of course not! You had to make your case to prove that you were the best person for the job. Why should our government work differently?

Rather than waste taxpayers' hard earned dollars in court trying to defend unfair maps, DRAW FAIR MAPS: maps that don't look like a Rorschach test; maps that don't diminish the voice of communities of color; maps that aren't drawn to illustrate corrupt governing, and instead draw maps that put Texans back in charge of electing their representatives.

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