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To: Senate Redistricting

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## Message:

The Texas House is proposing a map that is unfairly increasing Republican strength. The latest Census data show that people of color have been the mainstay of population growth in the last decade, yet this attempt at redistricting will decrease Black and Hispanic majority districts. According to the latest U.S. census, 39.8% of the population is White, 39.3% is Hispanic, 11.8% is Black and 5.4% is Asian. In the political maps initially presented in the special session in the Texas House, the majority of eligible votes in 59.3% of the districts are white, in 20% are Hispanic and in 2.7% are Black. No district has an Asian majority, and in 18%, no group has a majority. In the proposed Senate map, 64.5% of the districts have White majorities, 22.6% have Hispanic majorities, 3.2% have Black majorities, none has an Asian majority, and in 9.7%, no group has a majority. These maps do not reflect the current racial distribution of the Texas population. If we were to truly represent the population, 60 districts would have White majorities (not 89), 59 Hispanic-majority districts (not 30), 18 Black districts(not 4) and eight districts with Asian majorities instead of none!