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To: <u>Senate Redistricting</u>

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Regarding: Senate

## Message:

HB 1000 is discriminatory on its face to the ever growing conservatives voting Republican in Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County is one of the only urban centers in Texas that has been trending Republican while the rest of the state has gone more Democrat. By allowing HD41 to be carved up this last special session by Oscar Longoria, Terry Canalés and Sergio Munoz in last minute amendments they intentionally worked in coordination to not only discriminate against conservative minorities who want to elect their candidate of their choice but for the minority Anglo population. The senate has a sworn duty to uphold the law and in doing so strike down this intentionally discriminatory legislation. Map drawers should go back to the drawing board and return HD41 to its original lines drawn during the 2011 session that made the district and evenly split district. This gives a fair opportunity for voters to choose the candidate of their choice. Hidalgo county is voting up to 43% of the vote for Republicans yet this map does not accurately reflect this trend. By denying Texans in Hidalgo county opportunity districts this bill intends to intentionality and knowingly agree that discrimination is ok when Democrats do it. I call on the senate to vote down this discriminatory bill and draw districts evenly in areas in South Texas that reflect the will of the voters. Thank you