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Message:

Hello TX Senate,

I am disappointed to see the latest maps from the redistricting process. Despite communities of color accounting for 95% of the growth in Texas, and responsible for Texas's gaining 2 new congressional seats, both new districts are majority white. We should be increasing the representation of Latinx, Black, and minority groups. I would like to see that these maps be re-drawn to better represent the Census data and the fact that Latinx people are becoming the majority in TX.

Examples of how these new maps are not representative are:

- 1) The new districts will dilute voting power of communities in Rio Grande Valley (Congressional District 15) by removing heavily Latinx communities in Jim Hogg and Duval counties and bringing in high turnout more white, conservative voters from Wilson County.
- 2) The map changes CD 15 from one which consistently elects Latinx candidates of choice in general elections to one which would have elected Donald Trump in 2020 continues to dilute voting power of Latinx community in Corpus Christi by keeping it in Congressional District 27.
- 3) Dilutes voting power of El Pasoans (Congressional District 23) by joining them with conservative, high turnout white regions in Northwest Bexar County
- 4) Instead of providing rapidly growing communities of color in the Dallas Fort-Worth area with meaningful new representation, the map packs them together while splitting apart other communities and pairing them with far off rural counties to dilute their voting power.

Beyond this, this process is not effective in terms of supporting the needs and input of your constituents:

Giving public input on these maps is incredibly inaccessible, especially for the communities that are most impactful. This Senate committee is giving less than 3 days notice of the maps

before only having a single public hearing early in the morning on a weekday, repeating the same mistakes that led a federal court to find intentional racial discrimination last decade.

