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Message:

I AM CALLING FOR FAIR MAPS!

The congressional map is clearly drawn for partisan benefit. Texas is rapidly diversifying its electorate. These maps diminish the voting power of Latinos and Blacks in the state.

Texas legislators have failed to create even one competitive seat across 38 districts. Further, votes from cities and suburbs around El Paso, San Antonio, Austin and Houston have been drastically diluted, with the worst packing of Tejano and Afro-American votes in three Dallas-Fort Worth congressional districts and the cracking of AAPI votes.

The draft map did not dramatically change the current makeup of the congressional delegation. Instead, it eliminated most competitive districts, in what appeared to be an effort to take away Democrats' shot at flipping those seats as their populations change over the next decade.