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Message:

The redistricting maps show no logic, no reflection of demographic shifts and no regard for where the growth of Texas has come in the last decade:

1) The state is becoming more diverse, yet the maps reflect various locations in the state where the NOW-majority (formerly minority) are being squeezed into majority white areas, sometimes spanning multiple counties, such as my urban Senate District 16. We are a diverse state, and our maps should reflect this diversity. It is my understanding that non-white Texans represent over 60% of our population growth in the last decade!

2) It appears the maps are being drawn primarily by one person with little or no input from all voices on the Redistricting Committee, other lawmakers, professionals who study population demographics, and most importantly, the voters affected by these maps.

3) The fact that the maps passed the Senate along party lines is chilling. There may be many explanations to justify this "creative" redistricting. Only one interpretation makes sense - gerrymandering!

4) Texas now has new voting rights laws that make it very hard for many citizens to exercise their right to vote, and now many of these same Texans are being deprived of their right to representation. Are these proposed maps good for Texans? Are the proposed maps the right ones for Texas at this time? Are they fair?

5) DFW is one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Shouldn't we in this area have one of the new congressional seats?

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