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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I am Dr. Susana Carranza, I live in the city of Austin in Travis County. Texas has seen tremendous growth in the last census cycle, and the overwhelming majority of the growth (approximately 95%) came from communities of color. However, the maps drawn in the last session did not reflect the growth patterns, and in fact went to extreme levels of gerrymandering to disenfranchise racial minorities, depriving communities of fair representation. This legislative body has the opportunity to fix those maps. Instead, there is clearly no intention to change the maps and these new hearings are designed to rubber stamp the old maps. This entire process is undemocratic, as independent committees should be in charge of drawing maps, developing maps to best serve Texas communities and reflect the changing demographics all around the state. Instead, maps were drawn to minimize competitive districts and to consolidate power. The process was broken in 2021 and continues to be broken now. Major metropolitan areas were targets for extreme measures of packing and cracking, resulting in unrepresentative maps. I urge you to use this opportunity to change course and make this a fair and transparent process by performing racial impact analysis and by redrawing maps to better reflect our demographic changes and take seriously the input from citizens and civil rights organizations

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