

Texas TP's on Senate Map Proposal

- The Senate map proposed today once again proves that Texas Republicans have no interest in representing the people of the Lone Star State -- their only concern is maintaining power, even if it comes at the expense of our democracy.
- The map confirms what we knew Texas Republicans would do - decrease the number of competitive seats, ignore the growth and influence of communities of color, and gerrymander for power - and we expect them to do this on the congressional map in a few days too.
- The intentional lack of competitiveness and total disregard for what is clear and obvious in the census data is a blatant power grab.
- Let's be clear about the stakes: right now there are two competing visions for Texas -- one side believes politicians should decide who wins elections. Our side believes the people should have the freedom to choose who represents them.
- That's why it's critical that we hold the Legislature accountable to holding additional hearings. They must take into account public testimony to understand ways the map should be improved to most accurately reflect the state's growing and diverse population and communities of interest.
- The map published has zero competitive seats and there is extreme cracking and packing in urban centers and surrounding areas including in and around: Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, including Collin, Denton, Harris, Ft Bend, and Bexar counties.
- While the Latino/Hispanic community made up nearly half of Texas' growth over the past decade, the map fails to adequately reflect this growth.
- It's clear legislators completely ignored community input during redistricting hearings where there was a clear theme: Texans requested a fair and transparent process that results in maps that accurately represent them.
- So to say that this map fails Texans is an understatement.
- Republican legislators must hold additional hearings that allow public input and create a new Senate map that reflects community input and the census data.

All On The Line Texas and partner organizations have worked tirelessly to inform thousands of Texans about how to make their voices heard as part of this process. We remain committed to supporting the participation of as many Texans as possible to ensure the final Senate map appropriately reflects the diverse communities across our state.