

From: applications.administrator@capitol.local
To: [Senate Redistricting](#)
Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:56:33 AM

Date: 2021-09-21
First Name: Bwana
Last Name: Payeye Kizito
Title: President
Organization: Bwana Foundation
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Nevada
State: TX
Zipcode: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello,

My name is Bwana Payeye Kizito.
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.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bwana

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.