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Message:

SB 6 tears the 18th Congressional District apart. The 18th District was originally represented by Barbara Jordan. However, SB 6 removes the Third Ward, the central business district, and the University of Houston and Texas Southern University from the 18th Congressional District. This is clear retrogression and illegal.

The map also removes Missouri City from Congressional District 18, and packs Democratic votes into Congressional District 7. It also cracks Democratic votes with an overwhelming Republican majority in the newly created Congressional District 38.

In the prior redistricting litigation, a three judge panel in *US v. Texas* said that the 9th and 18th Congressional Districts were protected minority seats. In fact, both districts required virtually zero alterations from their current form as they were both just barely above the ideal population size. However, SB 6 conducted extensive and unnecessary changes to these districts. The Texas House has announced they are preparing their own map, and not relying on the Republican Congressional delegation to draw the congressional map as Texas Senate leadership has done. You can still help by making comments to the Senate maps and to the House maps using the links in the comments. More resources are also available on the Texas Legislative Council's Redistricting website which is linked in the comments, and you can view proposed plans and amendments to the maps on District Viewer, which is also linked in the comments.

WE will continue to fight for what's right!

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