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Message:
Part of my professional work concerns the application of ensemble sampling techniques, and particularly their application in the state of Texas. I do this as a member of Math For Unbiased Maps TX (MUM_TX), an interdisciplinary, nonpartisan coalition of Texas scholars working to ensure fair and transparent redistricting processes. Our primary technique is to use Markov Chain Monte Carlo maps to generate large ensembles of random, unbiased maps we can use as a statistical baseline.

Although I strive to be unbiased, in the face of the bald cynicism of this effort, I feel compelled to speak more plainly and with moral clarity. What you are doing is wrong. Your machinations in 2021 already gave us a map that short-changes non-white voters, Democratic voters, and voters who live in major cities. (For example, the map had 15 majority-minority seats (by eligible voting population); it should have had 17.) In the service of this goal, it draws long snaky districts you can't travel across in less than a day, cracks cities like Austin and San Antonio, and surgically excises majority-minority neighborhoods to attach them to white rural districts. I am skeptical that whatever you will propose is going to be an improvement on those grounds, especially when Greg Abbott has singled out several majority-minority districts held by Black and Latino members for attack.

What is so troubling about this power grab is that it doesn't even purport to address the needs of actual Texans. Our representatives to Congress are supposed to represent us, the people of Texas, not Donald Trump or the RNC. You have not even bothered to release the maps you intend to use, which further insults the people of Texas. I urge you to drop this cynical effort to further manipulate our Congressional maps to undemocratic ends.

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