San Antonio, Texas – Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the Department of Justice's decision to oppose pre-clearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act with respect to the proposed Texas House and Congressional redistricting plans:

"Today's decision from the Department of Justice shows the Texas State Legislature's failure to provide a map that reflects the minority population growth in Texas. Moving forward, it is my hope that we are provided with a map that does not violate the Voting Rights Act and allows Texas' communities to be represented fairly and accurately."

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