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Tallahassee, Fla - State Representative Daisy Morales (D- Orlando) issued the following statement after the passage of **Governor Ron DeSantis'** Congressional map:

"Our democracy is being attacked. The governor eliminating two Black Congressional seats is a power grab and it's wrong. Stripping seats from Black representation is the same as saying the Black voice--the Black vote--doesn't matter. With this map passing, I'm deeply concerned because it means he'll likely target the one and only Puerto Rican representing Florida in Congress next, Darren Soto, all in the name of catering to his party. We don't want to disenfranchise the 1.2 million Puerto Ricans in Florida.

I also oppose the decision to strip Disney of its special districts. Disney provides jobs to thousands of people. If it's successfully stripped, central Florida taxpayers would face a greater cost for fire, water, road improvement, and first responder services to the tune of nearly \$1 billion.

I will continue to fight, I will continue to hold the line with my colleagues until we get justice.

Voting is a right, not a tool to be manipulated. Our sit-in at the Florida Capitol is what democracy looks like: civil disobedience in the name of standing up for what's right. Democracy never sleeps. The fight isn't over yet. Governing by revenge is a recipe for chaos."

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