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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Venkat Rallapalli and I am a resident of Precinct 74 in HD 66, Congressional District 3 (Tx). I am part of the South Asian community that contributes to the economic, social, and civic success of this area. I work in the technology sector and am in North Dallas in the Collin County part and is closely aligned with the city of Plano. In the last couple of decades, I have witnessed significant overall growth in the area in all aspects, including recreation centers, libraries, offices and places of commerce. With the growth of the South Asian American (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Burma) and other ethnic group populations, it is gratifying to see the growth of ethnic restaurants, grocery stores and places of worship that have not only enriched the lives of South Asians, but contributed to the economic growth of the area and education and enrichment of the community as a whole.

The South Asian community has had significant impact on our community in several different fields including healthcare, education, commerce and technology, yet we are not able to elect candidates that represent our voices. Some of the issues we are particularly concerned about are education, fixing the power grid, healthcare including, science driven actions for pandemic management such as mask mandates and vaccinations.

The current legislative proposals claim they are "race blind" they seem to be illegally and systematically dividing up communities of color to dilute their voices. For far too long the Asian community in general and the South Asian Americans in particular, have been unfairly divided into multiple legislative districts and thus, have been prevented from having the ability to elect a candidate of their choice. All I ask is that we are given equal representation through fair legislative districting. We ask that you honor the Voting Rights Act which prohibits you from drawing lines that dilute our voices.

South Asians are the fastest-growing minority population in Texas. District lines were drawn 10 years ago. Our community has grown exponentially since then. It is critical that we participate in the process to allow our collective voices to be documented. We all want our voices to be heard in determining the future of our families and communities. South Asian Americans have fueled the economic, community and educational growth in this area, please do not silence our voices by drawing unfair lines.

By proposing to redraw lines in unnatural formations to splinter high density South Asian populations as in HD 66 and 67 and dilute it with more rural areas will ensure that there will never be fair representation of our voices. In addition, we have very little in common on issues and activities with rural counties such as Grayson, Hunt, Rockwall or Van Zandt. Please respect Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act which is a nationwide prohibition against

voting practices and procedures, (including redistricting plans) that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group)

