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Message:

Hello, my name is Quynh-Huong Nguyen, representing myself and Austin Queer Asians. Thank you for the opportunity to read this message today. I hope that this committee will continue to hold in-person and virtual hearings to allow public input from the entire state.

The census showed that 95% of all growth in Texas occurred in the African American, Latino, and AAPI communities.

Any fair map must reflect the diversity of our state. The current draft maps do not allow any new opportunity district based on these census numbers in metroplexes, like Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin. Instead, they pack and crack our communities and dilute our votes. I urge this committee to comply with the Voting Rights Act and respect the reality of the new census by allowing people of color the opportunity to choose the candidates of their choice.

As an Asian American, the fastest-growing demographic in Texas, I want fair districts because [insert why you care!].

We need better, more responsive representation and more opportunity districts for our communities, including in coalition with other people of color and immigrant populations with similar values and needs.

Where I live, the Asian population in Travis County, SD6 will now be 89.4% POC. The convoluted, serpentine shape of this district appears particularly designed to pack and crack the minority vote. These maps are maintaining and furthering the erasure of our voices district by district. They serve only to dilute our votes.

SD6 had a 9% increase in African Americans, a 3% increase in Hispanic/Latino, and a 28% increase in Asian populations. This is compared to an 18.41% DECREASE in the White population in the last 10 years. Our maps need to reflect the growth of POC communities, not dilute them further! The amount of growth in this area, one of the most diverse in the country, deserves an additional opportunity district.

Within my Asian American community of interest, we have shared cultural characteristics, countries of origin, languages, and dialects spoken, and socioeconomic status. In short, we live, eat, shop, play, learn, work, and worship together. We deserve to vote together because it's essential that we advocate together.

Redistricting will cause a major impact on our community. Currently, there are not enough resources, education, and

support to the communities that are often not centered in the conversation. It is your job to support us not actively silence us. You must think about us. You were elected to create resources for us and uplift our voices. We need you to do more education on yourself of the communities you represent. There are many people who cannot speak and advocate for their needs. We have seen many of our love ones fall through the cracks of the failed systems in place. We have to do better. You have to do better. There are other cities that have research and shown how to better their communities to protect the most vulnerable.

I urge this committee to hold additional in-person and virtual hearings that allow public input from the entire state and to create a new Senate map that reflects our community input and the census data, as well as create fair districts for US Congress and TX House. In addition, please continue to allow a fair and open process by providing at least 14 days for the public to review additional maps, 5 days to review any changes to proposed maps, keeping a record of all documents, written communications, emails, text messages and draft maps, and providing analysis of how the new maps impact historically disenfranchised communities of color.

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