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Message:

I was born in a country as a child of an apartheid system, where my family had no representation. The world condemned that system in the 1990s. The United States Constitution was based on a simple principle of representation. One man one vote. We later added women and communities of color. In my lifetime our country acknowledged that people of color must be heard. That voice must be upheld by the constitution. Fair and equal representation can be accomplished through fair and equitable maps, by upholding the 14th amendment and Voting Rights Act. Unfair apartheid-like representation cannot be a defining agenda for Texas.

I am writing as a member of the South Asian Community. We are part of the collective AAPI community in Texas, the fastest-growing population in Texas. We are an emerging minority in Texas Politics. We persevere and are eager to make the most of what this nation has to offer. We often live in clusters where good schools and jobs attract families from all over the country. We make up a large portion of frontline workers. We are entrepreneurs, who have fueled our economy with new jobs. We have bought talent from all over the world to grow and bring innovation to Texas. We deserve to be recognized as a collective community. Our elected officials are supposed to serve our community, but we have lost the art of communicating with constituents. Oftentimes elected officials to take little effort to understand or learn about their constituents, who may not look like them and pray like them or celebrate holidays like them. We are often just ignored.

The current map deliberately dilutes our voices. Collin County had a 40% increase in the Asian population - yet you all have drawn maps to divide us. In Tarrant, you have fractured an area that could be drawn into one district. Fort Bend is 70% nonwhite and grew 40%, yet fair representation is not evident. Your maps deliberately ignore our voices. In Frisco, Hurst Eules Bedford, and other cities, parents are suing the School district to demand safer school options for children. This is what happens when elected officials fall short of listening to their constituents. Voters must have the ability to fairly elect individuals who understand their challenges, needs, and values. Let us be heard and so we can continue to be productive engaged citizens of this state.

We are not a third-world apartheid country but a Democracy and one of the most powerful. You must uphold the constitutional framework for a viable and representative government. The Voting Rights Act and the 14th amendment must be upheld, they are the pillars of our great democracy. The nation is watching, make wise decisions, and make us proud. Fracturing our AAPI community will only lose perspective of what is important and valued by our constitution. You will fracture the essence of our forefather's vision for representation. One Person - One Vote. My family Left South Africa to become part of this great country - to

have a voice and be heard.

