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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello, my name is Sonia Elhence, and I am a resident in Dallas county, precinct 118 and CD32. I am part of the South Asian community that contributes to the economic, social, and civic success of this area.

I work in the Information Technology industry. Before that I was a small business owner for almost 17 years providing employment to 50-65 people and contributing positively to the local economy.

We have created community meeting centers including DFW Hindu Temple Sri Ram Mandir, Sh grocery stores such as Patel Brothers, India Bazaar, Taj Grocers, etc. and enjoy our traditional foods at restaurants such as A2B, Chennai Cafe and India Palace.

Our community has had a substantial impact on Texas. We bring expertise in technology, business, strategy, consulting and medicine. We have a significant presence in Dallas and yet we are not able to elect candidates that represent our voices. Some of the issues we are particularly concerned about are education and abortion rights.

For far too long, AAPI communities, which are the fastest-growing across Texas, 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. Your maps are deliberately breaking up our community.

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