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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello, my name is Swarna Madduri and I am a resident of Precinct # 74 in North Dallas, Collin County. I am part of the growing South Asian community that contributes to the economic, social, and civic activities of this growing area.

I am a Contract Consultant and Board member of the PTA, as well as involvement in many non-profit, community-based organizations in the Dallas Metroplex area.

I belong to a thriving South-Asian Community that contributes to the Collin County area extensively. We have a significant presence in the health-care sector, Information Technology, higher education and small businesses-to name a few. We are Americans that enrich the communities we live in by sharing our traditions and culture. We have several temples in Allen, Plano and Frisco, where we worship as a community. In addition, we go to schools in Plano and many of our activities are in Plano.

Our community has had a substantial impact on Texas and Collin County. We contribute significantly in taxes and to the local economy. Our numbers are growing exponentially and yet we are not able to elect candidates that represent our voices. Some of the issues we are really concerned about are women's reproductive rights, current gun laws, public education and of the more recent COVID response in Collin County and the mismanagement of the power grid- to name a few. Both my state house representative, Matt Shaheen and Senate representative, Angela Paxton do not represent my views on most of the issues that are important to me, my family and my community.

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. I am looking at the proposed maps and am appalled that instead of rectifying this issue, you are worsening it. I see a common theme in my HD 66, Sen 8 and CD-3 maps, where the existing Anglo minority is being changed to make our districts Anglo- majority. In every single map, the Asian vote is being further diluted by re-drawing some parts of our districts with rural areas of Collin, Grayson and Hunt, Rockwall and Van Zandt counties, with whom we have very little in common- as far as issues and activities are concerned. Lumping us into a State Senate District that doesn't even represent the majority of Plano schools dilutes our voice. The census showed that 95% of all growth in Texas occurred in the African American, Latino, and Asian American Pacific Islander communities in suburban and urban communities. Any fair map must reflect the diversity of our state. This is gerrymandering along racial lines. Your maps are deliberately breaking up our community.

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. We ask that you have a fair, open, and transparent process affording time for proper deliberation and community input.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Swarna Madduri

