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Message:  
Letter attached.

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My name is Rashmi Mathur and I am a resident of Precinct 36 in HD66, Congressional District 3 (TX). I am a member of the South Asian community that contributes to the economic, social and civic success of this area.

I work in the technology sector and have lived in this area since 2011. We selected this particular neighborhood in North Dallas mainly for the convenience of proximity to my office, downtown Dallas and Plano where several of our friends reside.

In the last ten years, we have witnessed significant overall growth in the North Dallas and Plano area in all aspects and have been encouraged by the diversity of the population moving to these parts. We are able to find ethnic groceries in our neighborhood Tom Thumb grocery stores and can even walk to restaurants serving Asian cuisine. Our neighborhood has seen a considerable growth in South Asian population and we enjoy the diversity that the community has evolved into.

The South Asian community is recognized for having a significant impact on our community in several different fields including technology, healthcare, education and commerce - yet we are not able to elect candidates that represent our true voices. Some of the issues we are particularly concerned about are education, fixing the power grid and healthcare. The current legislative proposals claim they are "race blind" but it is very clear 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.

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. South Asian Americans have fueled the economic, community and educational growth in this area, please do not silence our voices by drawing unfair lines. 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 minority group)