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Message:

To the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting: My name is Rameez Malik and I am testifying on behalf of myself against Plan S2168. I currently live in Harris County in Texas Senate District 15. I am also a former resident of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Harris County is where I intend to buy a home and become a voter, which means that the map under consideration will determine whether my vote counts until at least 2030. Before I discuss the map known as Plan S2168, I have a comment on the process. This committee's redistricting input process determines the public record built. This committee has given Texans very limited time to provide public comment. Texans need more than only a few days of hearings to have a meaningful opportunity to give feedback. Furthermore, this committee's chairwoman has already presented SB 375, which would keep in place the existing Senate map. I have to conclude that this committee is not sincere about accepting public input and considering how these maps affect Texans. S2168 is not a representative map of Texas. Less than 40 percent of Texans are white; yet, when you look at the voting-age populations of the 31 Senate districts, most are majority- white. This indicates manipulation of the maps on the basis of race to dilute the voting power of minorities like myself and my family. For example, the AAPI community I identify with has a high concentration in the Greater Houston Area, and in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In both areas, AAPI communities have been split among multiple Senate districts in a way that makes it more difficult for community members to elect candidates of their choice. Overall, S2168 appears to racially gerrymander Texans of color to benefit white voters. Texans need more time to offer input, and this committee needs more time to consider that input and produce a

better map than S2168. I request that this committee extend the public input process by at least one month, and alter the proposed map so that it does not divide communities on racial lines. Thank you.

