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Senate Special Redistricting Committee
Attn: The Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Re: Written testimony; Redistricting, 87(R)

Dear Senator Huffman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sana Khan and I am a student at The University of Texas at Dallas. I am a #Changemaker with Deeds Not Words and the product of an immigrant family, championing for the rights of all people.

The history of voter suppression in Texas and the changing demographic of the population makes it of paramount importance that redistricting in Texas is fair and all communities are equally represented. Migration has played a large role in the population increase in Texas; as Texas continues to be an attractive destination for individuals working in the tertiary industries.

In addition, as the Hispanic population increases to 11.1 million, we cannot be complicit in depriving the hispanic community of representation. Having immigrant roots, I have felt that my opinions have been muted out and blurred by where I live. Although originally immigrants, my parents and I meaningfully contribute to the communities we live in. We are a part of Texas just as much as anyone else, and we deserve to have our voices heard. I hope

that through this redistricting process, the Committee members can ensure that votes are not suppressed and diluted by unfair redistricting practices.

Our electoral system is based on the fundamental truth that every American has the right to equal representation and should be given an equal opportunity to choose their own elected officials. By redistricting to benefit their own political office and political party, politicians are not only harming the opposing party but are essentially depriving Americans of their rights and corrupting the electoral system.

I urge this committee to undertake a nonpartisan, open, and fair process of redistricting to ensure equitable representation.

Thank you for your time and allowing me and other changemakers to express our concerns regarding redistricting.

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