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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello, my name is Aradhana Asava and I am a resident in Precinct 123. I am part of the South Asian community that contributes to the economic, social, and civic success of this area. I worked for 35 years in the IT sector and for the last 6 years, have been a full time volunteer for North Texas Food Bank. The movement my husband and I have started is called HungerMitao (wipe out hunger). My peers and I help engage the local Indian American community to support the Food Bank. In the last 4 years, the North Texas based Indian American community has raised 12 million nutritious meals for the hungry.

We have created community meeting centers including Sri Ram Mandir, Shri Raghunath temple, Karya Siddhi Hanuman temple, grocery stores such as Patel Brothers, India Bazaar, Taj Grocers, etc. and enjoy our traditional foods at restaurants such as A2B, Chennai Cafe, Malgudi Garden, India meals currypot, etc. Our community has had a substantial impact on Texas. We bring value and affluence to the area through our skills, business accumen and entrepreneurship, a high focus on work ethics, family values and law and order.

We have a significant presence in Precinct 123 and yet we are not able to elect candidates that represent our voices. Some of the issues we are particularly concerned about are education, racial diversity, equity, gun laws, COVID management 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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*Aradhana (Anna) Asava

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