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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Anil Prabhakar and I used to be a resident of Senate District 14, but I was recently gerrymandered into Senate District 25. Since the Texas Senate has decided that it will use the same maps that were passed during the Special Session of 2021, then the only conclusion I can come to is that these public hearings have nothing to do with an open and transparent redistricting process; and everything to do with erasing the legislative record of the Special Session of 2021, which is currently being used in litigation regarding the maps. In short, these public hearings are a sham. Thus, I'm testifying again so that my testimony is in the legislative record once again (even though I know that my testimony asking for a fair and transparent redistricting process will be ignored this time, just like it was ignored when I testified back in 2021). For what it's worth, I want to tell the committee the effects that the latest Senate maps had on my community. I live in a community with lots of Indian Americans and Asian Americans. Our social and economic interests are more closely aligned with those of Austin residents. Before the 2021 redistricting process, we were all adequately represented in Senate District 14. But, the 2021 redistricting process gerrymandered us into a district with large swaths of far away, rural communities, which have very different needs and concerns than my community. This gerrymander ensured that we cannot elect a Texas Senator that will address our needs and concerns. So, I want to whole-heartedly congratulate Joan and the other republican members of the committee: your racist scheme for diluting my community's voting power and ensuring that only certain communities have representation at the Texas Capitol is working just as intended. And, for all your talk about the process being fair, transparent, and 'color-blind', we -- and

you-- all know better: history will remember you as the architects and supporters of a bastardized democracy of gerrymandering, where politicians get to choose their voters in order to entrench their own power. Thank you for your time.

