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Message:

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As representatives and members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently slated for consideration in the special session.
South Asian Texans constitute one of the most rapidly expanding demographic groups in the state. We are proud contributors to Texas's robust economy—operating businesses, advancing medicine, engineering infrastructure, educating future generations, and serving across a multitude of sectors. Beyond our economic contributions, we are deeply engaged citizens who actively participate in the democratic process through voting, organizing, and civic leadership. Our families are firmly rooted in Texas, investing in its future and insisting upon representation that reflects our communities and values.

Texas should serve as a model of democratic integrity, distinguished by leadership that truly reflects the will and diversity of its people. Our democracy flourishes through the collective empowerment of those who call this state home. It is incumbent upon elected officials to ensure that representation mirrors the authentic geographic, social, and cultural realities of our communities—where we live, work, and raise our families. This principle forms the very foundation of a just and vibrant democracy.

The current proposal to redraw district boundaries mid-decade, absent compelling justification and prior to the resolution of ongoing litigation related to the 2021 maps, is both reckless and indefensible. Such an endeavor constitutes a brazen attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes under the guise of procedural necessity. It threatens to fracture cohesive communities and dilute the political influence of growing populations while eroding public trust in our electoral system.

We stand in resolute solidarity with all Texans whose communities face disenfranchisement, particularly in counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant. The subversion of fair

representation anywhere imperils
the democratic integrity of the entire state.

This proposed redistricting is especially ill-timed, occurring amid significant statewide challenges—ranging from natural disaster recovery to escalating economic hardships. Texas deserves governance focused on substantive solutions rather than divisive political stratagems.

In light of these concerns, we urgently call upon you to rescind this ill-conceived redistricting plan and redirect legislative efforts toward addressing the pressing needs of all Texans. The health of our democracy depends upon transparency, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to equitable representation that honors the diversity and dynamism of communities like ours. Thank you,
Dr. Sameer Sheth

