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Message:

Hello, my name is Venugopal Menon and I am a resident in Precinct 2905 in Dallas County.

I have lived with my family for three decades in North Texas. I'm an engineering professional who retired as a Vice President of Technology Development at Texas Instruments, world head-quartered in Dallas and prior to that working in the semiconductor industry in Austin TX. I serve on several non-profit boards including the Dallas Museum of Art and the SMU Lyle School of Engineering.

I am part of the Minority and South Asian community. I have witnessed and have been a contributor to the tremendous economic success and demographic growth in my North Texas community. The growth in our area has been primarily fueled by the non-Anglo population.

I'm writing to protest against the redistricting plan 2101. I'm currently in Texas Senate District 16. My home is in the thriving central business district of the City of Addison along the Dallas North Tollway corridor with high density office and retail activity. My current district has 41% anglo population.

I'm shocked to discover that the new plan 2101 would put me in State Senate District 12, which comprises far out, vast rural areas of

Wise County. This district 12 would have 55% Anglo population.

The proposed redistricting plan is a direct attempt to disenfranchise and dilute the voices of non-Anglo, minority and Asian persons

such as myself. This is a direct violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 Para 2.

I urge our state representatives to vote against this egregious attempt to break up our community and draw districts to favor only the Anglo community. This is an erosion of our democratic right to elect candidates who will be sensitive to, appreciate and address the issues facing our community and neighborhood.

The lines should be drawn to comprise election districts that are comparable in character (rural v/s urban), allow us

residents to elect  
representatives who reflect the demographics and needs of our diverse community.

