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Message:

I am testifying in opposition to SB 7. The proposed Senate maps are extremely disappointing. They would create zero competitive districts in Texas. The Senate maps were made non-competitive by aggressive cracking and packing of communities of color. If these maps are implemented, they will dilute the influence of communities of color. While this is a problem across many areas of the state in the proposed maps, I will focus on the Dallas area since I live in Collin County.

Collin County should be part of a district that expands south and west in order to keep Asian American communities together. It should not expand east into rural, predominantly white counties that have less in common with our diverse, suburban county. I am extremely concerned that the Asian American population, which has grown rapidly in Dallas, Collin, and Denton County in the last decade, has been split up between SD-2, SD-8, SD-12, and SD-30 in the proposed maps. I suspect that the small portions of western and southern Collin County that are not in SD-8 were put into other districts specifically to crack the Asian American population. While Asian Americans are by no means a homogenous group, they often share community, culture, and experiences with other Asian Americans. For example, the recent rise in anti-Asian hate crimes and harassment is a common concern for Asian Americans of many different backgrounds. As the fastest-growing ethnic group in Texas, they deserve to be together in the same district so that their senator will be responsive to their concerns.

Nearly all the population growth in Texas has been driven by minorities, yet these maps have been drawn to prevent growing minority communities from gaining political influence. This is racial discrimination, and it violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Texans deserve better than these gerrymandered maps.

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