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Message:

Hello, my name is Anusheh Siddique. I live in Congressional District 22, which has the highest concentration of AAPI constituency. Living in this district has been elucidating for me because it provides a full scope of the AAPI community specifically and how diverse our communities are in language, culture and practices. This diversity also emphasizes not only the importance of representation for our communities, but also representatives that are willing to come and learn about exactly what our needs are and how to cater to them effectively. Not only are our interests not being represented currently, they are actively being suppressed. These maps are drawn in a way that would not allow for an Asian American to be able to win this election, in fact an Asian American did run consecutively for this district and lost. This makes clear the desire for native representation and how it is continually being denied. They are drawn directly down the middle and cut into the heart of several communities of color.

This a clear failure to create competitive districts which in turn do not facilitate competitive elections and drown out sincere democracy. When I go to my mosque, I find myself in another district. When I go to run errands, I find myself in a different district. I find my voice split across Districts 7, 9, and 22. This is an outlandish affront to representation. Despite the enormous growth that happened in Fort Bend County, there is not a representative district nor is there possibility for any competitive seats. The Texas Legislature has the opportunity to work toward representation and true democracy. I ask that we draw districts that keep communities together.