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## AMERICAN HINDU COALITION ENDORSES HOUSE BILL 127 NOW PENDING BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSEMBLY BANNING RACIAL QUOTAS IN MAGNET SCHOOL ADMISSION



**Sterling, Virginia – February 14, 2022.** At today’s Education Platform Committee meeting, American Hindu Coalition (AHC) endorsed [House Bill 127](#), a bill pending before the Virginia State General Assembly, which bans race from consideration in admissions to Virginia Governor’s Schools such as Fairfax County’s prestigious Thomas Jefferson High School.

The bill prohibits any academic year Governor's School (i.e., magnet) from discriminating against any applicant based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, among other provisions.

Suparna Dutta, Director, AHC Education Platform Committee and a Fairfax County mom, emphasized: “Racial discrimination in education under the guise of equity and inclusion is just as insidious as posting signs on the doors of elite institutions stating – no Asian Americans allowed; merit is irrelevant.”

AHC member moms, who believe that merit not race should be the only determinant in the highly competitive secondary and post-secondary admission process, have made their voices heard. Organizing against discriminatory racial quotas, they have successfully led various parents’ coalitions, including the 2021 Youngkin campaign’s “Educators for Youngkin Coalition,” Thomas Jefferson High School’s parents’ coalition, and the Students for Fair Admissions’ law suit against Harvard University now pending before the United States Supreme Court.

Srilekha Palle, a AHC Board Member and another Fairfax County mom remarked: “We need to provide a high-quality education to all our students, and not tear down schools of excellence. Stop making excuses as to why certain groups are underrepresented and instead build a pipeline of qualified students that will play a critical role in developing a highly skilled workforce.”

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