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Please feel free to contact me with any questions...

Rob Lapsley
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Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the entire California business community we want to extend our appreciation for your service in the most important public policy issue in this decade.

The CalChamber played a strong leadership role in the passage of Prop 11 and Prop 20 and in the opposition of Prop 27. We have continued our support with the Auditor General during her outstanding implementation of the commission selection process.

Tomorrow you will make the final selection of members. We respectfully request your consideration for Mr. Paul McKaskle to be included as one of the final commission members.

I have worked on the last two redistricting plans in my previous positions as Director of the Assembly Republican Caucus in 1991 and as Undersecretary of State in 2001.

As a result of the 1991 plan, I have great respect for Mr. McKaskle's knowledge and judgment in creating a fair and balanced redistricting plan that will benefit all Californians. He has twice been involved in the drawing of legislative districts that have been regarded by the public, scholars, and even partisans to have been fair and non-partisan. Through his experience, Mr. McKaskle knows the Voting Rights Act, possesses the judgment to weigh and balance multiple criterions that are critically important to individual cities, counties, and other identified communities of interests, and has a strong understanding for the legal challenges that will follow any redistricting.

Mr. McKaskle's participation would be of great benefit to the Commission and the people of California.

Thank you for your consideration of these views. Please contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert Lapsley'.

Robert C. Lapsley
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