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Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I'm a resident of Ridgecrest, in Kern County. Please keep us with Kern County in the congressional and other districts. We fit with Kern County because the major issues here are similar to those through Kern County. The Antelope Valley is dominated by Lancaster and Palmdale-- cities of a combined population of over 300,000. Their issues are more "medium-sized city" concerns, and large metropolis issues due to outmigration of citizens of Los Angeles. While Kern County is dominated by a medium-sized city, Bakersfield has a very strong flavor of an overgrown isolated desert town. The entire county's most pressing issues are similar-- to those of isolated desert communities.

Medically, we have very close ties with Bakersfield. Our Medi-Cal patients get their specialist care in Bakersfield at Kern Medical Center. Most of our heart patients go to Bakersfield Heart Hospital. These ties take much time to develop.

Please keep us districted with the rest of Kern County.

Thanks for your consideration,

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