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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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REMARKS:

Please see my letter attached regarding an "Interstate 80" Corridor Congressional District.

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Commissioner Peter Yao, Chair
Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Chair Yao:

As a member of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write today to express my serious concern about dividing Solano County at the federal level.

The first draft of Congressional maps placed all of Solano County and most of Yolo County into the same Congressional District.

This created an "Interstate 80" Corridor Congressional District that shares:

- **Common transportation** interests such as federal Interstate 80 and Amtrak's Capitol Corridor
- **Common economic and community**¹ development progress efforts
- **Common education** interests such as Solano Community College and UC Davis
- **Common agricultural**² interests of Solano and Yolo Counties
- **Common environmental** interests such as Suisun Bay and the Delta
- **Common clean energy** cluster³ efforts to expand wind, solar and geothermal
- **Common life science** cluster⁴ efforts to provide better health outcomes

Each common interest can benefit from unified representation at the federal level, from advocacy for federal funding for transportation and clean energy efforts, to advocacy on agricultural and environmental policies.

¹ Solano County Index of Economic and Community Progress (2010),
<http://www.coecon.com/Reports/STEWARDSHIP/SolanoIndex2010.pdf>

² The Food Chain Cluster: Integrating the Food Chain in Solano & Yolo Counties to create Economic Opportunity & Jobs (2011),
http://www.coecon.com/Reports/ECONOMY/Solano_FoodChain.pdf

³ Solano County's Energy Cluster (2009),
http://www.coecon.com/Reports/ECONOMY/Solano_EnergyCluster.pdf

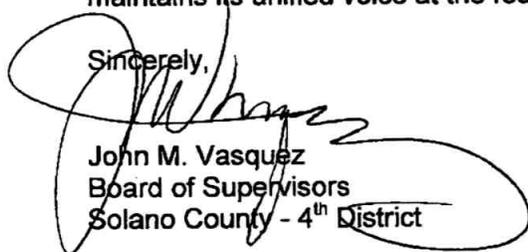
⁴ Solano County's Life Science Cluster (2009),
http://www.coecon.com/Reports/ECONOMY/Solano_LifeSciences.pdf

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New alternative maps appear to divide Solano County among two, and possibly three, congressional districts thereby diluting the common interests of the County at the federal level.

I strongly support the first draft Congressional map that keeps Solano County whole and maintains its unified voice at the federal level.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Vasquez', is written over the typed name and title.

John M. Vasquez
Board of Supervisors
Solano County - 4th District