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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

We want to express our 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 community¹ development** progress efforts
- **Common education** interests such as Solano Community College and UC Davis
- **Common agricultural²** interests of Solano and Yolo Counties
- **Common environmental** interests such as Suisun Bay and the Montezuma Hills
- **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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Jon Riley
Executive Director

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