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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to draw your attention to an area of concern in southern Kern County just east of I-5. This area was detached from Los Angeles County and annexed into Kern County just after the legislative district lines were drawn in 2001. Due to the timing of the annexation, the residents of that area have spent the last nine years voting in the 37th Assembly and 17th Senate Districts. Other voters in the Frazier Park/Lebec area vote in the 32nd Assembly and 18th Senate Districts.

This is a rural, mountain community, and as such it is a distinct community of interest. They share the same schools, churches and recreational areas. We are asking that you please address this problem and include all the residents of this area in the same districts when drawing the new lines. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Rhea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Rhea".

Karen Rhea
Chief Deputy County Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Attachment: Map of annexed area

cc: Allan Krauter, Legislative Analyst

Kern County
Census Tract 60.07

