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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Aguirre and Members of the Commission:

Desert Valleys FCU has served the Ridgecrest community for over 65 years and on behalf of our 3,600 member-owners we would like to urge the Citizens Redistricting Commission to adhere to county lines as much as possible when drawing district lines. This is an issue of vital importance to the thousands of Ridgecrest residents who wish to continue to enjoy the same representation at the state and federal level as their fellow Kern County residents.

Ridgecrest is currently part of the 22nd Congressional District, the 32nd Assembly District, and the 18th Senate District. This puts our community in the same district as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, California City, Mojave, and most of the other major communities in Kern County. As we share services and a county infrastructure with these other communities, it seems logical to keep Ridgecrest represented by the same legislators as most of the county we live in.

Our community is home to the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, one of Kern County's major employers. Most of China Lake's 1.1 million acres are located in Kern County, and the Weapons Division employs over 6,600 personnel. It is critical that our members who live, work, and spend their money in Kern County, are represented by the same legislators as the other residents of the county. We share common interests and this can continue to be supported by the commission by supporting the adherence to county lines when drawing new districts.

On behalf of our members, we encourage the Commission to remain faithful to its criteria of respecting "the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Higuera".

Janice Higuera
Chairwomen, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric A. Bruen".

Eric A. Bruen
President/CEO

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