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Citizen's Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of AltaOne Federal Credit Union and our approximately 18,000 member-owners residing in Ridgecrest, California, which is located in Region 6 in the northeastern portion of Kern County, I write to you in favor of keeping the incorporated city of Ridgecrest located with the rest of our Kern County neighbors with respect to our federal and state legislative districts.

This regional area forms a definite "Community of Interest" with the rest of Kern County. As a remote community, we currently share taxpayer-paid county resources and services with our neighbors in other Kern County communities such as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and Mojave, and should therefore share political representation. In addition, our community is the proud home to the Naval Air Weapons Station at China Lake, which is part of a vital aerospace corridor with installations at Mojave Spaceport and Edwards Air Force Base. Keeping Ridgecrest located as is makes the most sense for our community, its citizens, and for our federal credit union business.

I urge you to consider this critical community perspective when determining our federal and state legislative districts. Thank you for your time and interest in California's future.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Boland
President/Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Office, Ridgecrest

