



Region #10: Central Valley  
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Katherine S. Ferguson, M.D.  
"Dr. Kitty"  
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May 19, 2011

Dear Members of the Commission:

William W. Ferguson, M.D.  
"Dr. Bill"  
FAAFP  
Family Practice

We are the physicians of Southern Sierra Medical Clinic, which has been serving the Ridgecrest area since 1993. At our monthly corporate meeting May 18, 2011, we all agreed that Ridgecrest should continue its connection to the rest of Kern County. We oppose redistricting our area to San Bernardino County or to Los Angeles County.

Hope A. Wildenberg, M.D.  
"Dr. Hope"  
Family Practice

Gul I. Anwar, M.D.  
"Dr Anwar"  
AAFP  
Family Practice

You will get many letters about the connections between Ridgecrest and Bakersfield. This letter is to emphasize the medical care connection to Bakersfield. Although we send patients to Lancaster and the Los Angeles areas, we also send many patients for medical care in Bakersfield. We are part of the Kern County Health Department district and we have to send our indigent patients to Kern Medical Center. Kern County Medical Society is our professional organization and it is our link to the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association. All medical governmental and association ties are to Kern County. We also have close associations to the private hospitals and physicians in Bakersfield.

Priyadashini Srinivasan  
"Dr Priya"  
FAAP  
Pediatrics

Cherie A. VanHuse, M.D.  
"Dr VanHuse"  
Internal Medicine

In your task as members of the commission, you should not extend a district across county lines unless there is an overwhelming reason to break those county ties. Kern County is a "community of interest"; and Ridgecrest is a part of that "community of interest."

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. And good luck with your challenge of being fair and rational in formulating new district lines.

William W. Ferguson, MD, FAAFP



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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I'm a resident of Ridgecrest, in Kern County. Please keep us with Kern County in the congressional and other districts. We fit with Kern County because the major issues here are similar to those through Kern County. The Antelope Valley is dominated by Lancaster and Palmdale— cities of a combined population of over 300,000. Their issues are more "medium-sized city" concerns, and large metropolis issues due to outmigration of citizens of Los Angeles. While Kern County is dominated by a medium-sized city, Bakersfield has a very strong flavor of an overgrown isolated desert town. The entire county's most pressing issues are similar— to those of isolated desert communities.

Medically, we have very close ties with Bakersfield. Our Medi-Cal patients get their specialist care in Bakersfield at Kern Medical Center. Most of our heart patients go to Bakersfield Heart Hospital. These ties take much time to develop.

Please keep us districted with the rest of Kern County.

Thanks for your consideration,

David P. Lusk MD  
David P. Lusk, MD