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Subject: Redistricting comments

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Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please, do not redistrict in such a way as to sever ties between Ridgecrest/China Lake and Kern County. The rural needs of an area like Indian Wells Valley is far better served by the current district lines. There are currently times when residents feel that voices of such a small and scattered constituency is lost. I can't imagine how lost those voices would get when representation has to consider the needs of such densely populated areas such as Los Angeles or San Bernardino. Numbers do make a difference and while politicians attempt to consider the various needs of differing constituencies, very small areas or groups usually loose out to the majority rule. Please, do not take our voice from us. We live in a very harsh, rural area. There are definitely special considerations when considering policies for such a vast and sparsely populated area. Additionally, people drawn to such areas have certain similar characteristics that tend to get lost when represented by those representing those drawn to urban centers.

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