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Message Body:

Dear Distinguished California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for what appears to be a very transparent process in this very important task of bringing parity to representation of the people to the state and federal legislature representation. In your deliberations, please do whatever is necessary to avoid drawing new lines based on any argument that hints of being rooted in political ideology. When a district is drawn specifically over ideology, those not in favor become immediately disenfranchised, which is specifically why the redistricting initiative was placed on the ballot. Many of the ills of California can begin to amend with greater participation of the people. That can start with reachable elected officials who know the People.

The best end result would be districts that are as compact as possible, so that elected officials are knowledgeable about the people, industry, natural resources, geography, heritage and culture that they represent. The current State Assembly, Congressional, and State Senate (to a lesser extent ), 28th, 17th, and 12th, respectively, in which I reside have been gerrymandered. As a result, each official has "a little bit of this, and a little bit of that" instead of concentrated true communities of interest, most of all those attributes related to agriculture. San Benito County has no relationship to the coastal areas and has everything to do with farming and ranching. It would make sense to place it along with other counties that are dominated by agriculture, such as Monterey and Merced Counties.

Sincerely,

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