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Attached please find our public comments regarding redistricting. Thank you.

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Dear Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting plans for California. The Winegrowers of Napa County is a non-profit organization whose principal mission is to promote and preserve Sustainable Agriculture as the highest and best use of the natural resources of Napa County.

The Winegrowers of Napa County encourage the Commission to respect the geographic integrity and contiguous populations of Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties. These counties have common social and economic interests and share similar rural and agricultural living standards. In addition, business and individuals in these counties are actively involved in grape growing and wine making that has significant regional, national and international economic and social benefits.

In order to ensure that our elected official is responsive to the voters in our community, it is essential that our congressional district be comprised of voters with similar interests. Therefore, we recommend that the counties of Lake, Napa, Mendocino, and Sonoma be drawn to recognize our significant agricultural importance in one congressional district.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

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Winegrowers of Napa County