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June 2, 2011

Email to: [REDACTED]

Re: California's Redistricting of Turlock Boundaries

Dear Committee,

On behalf of the Turlock Chamber of Commerce and the hundreds of small business employers and employees we represent, I want to urge your sincere consideration of how you develop the boundaries for the Turlock Community.

The City of Turlock's economic engine is the Hwy 99 corridor. The construction of the Monte Vista Crossing Shopping Center on the east side of Highway 99 in the last decade has meant that a significant portion of Turlock's commerce and hence revenue is generated by traffic from Hwy 99. Additionally, our west side (of hwy 99) industrial park offers tremendous promise for job creation for our region.

In this regard, I feel that it would be within our community's best interest to be in the same Senate, Assembly and Congressional District as those communities also along the Hwy 99 corridor such as our neighbor to the north, Ceres, and our neighbors to the south in Merced County. Hwy 99 is vital to our region's commerce and ties our communities on the 99 together. Areas such as Riverbank and Oakdale have different transportation priorities as they would benefit from a newly proposed "north county" expressway. In a world of limited funding and competing transportation priorities, it is important that we have a representative that is singular in focus in his/her effort to support the Hwy 99 trade and commerce corridor.

Because of the promise that the west side industrial park offers, hwy 99 should not be used as a physical boundary to delineate between district lines. East and West Turlock should be in the same district.

Thank you for understanding the concerns in keeping our City and County whole.

Sincerely,

Sharon R. Silva
President/CEO