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**Subject:**Letter to Commissioner, Assembly draft maps

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**To:**[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Carmela Perez and I live at [REDACTED]. In Modesto and I work in Turlock. I am writing to thank you for doing a good job on the first draft maps and I hope you keep them like you've drawn them.

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend your two remaining hearings in the Central Valley. But, if I could, I'd tell you about my commute to work every day because it explains why the way you split our county (Stanislaus) in two for assembly districts is the right way. I live out in the country and begin my commute by going east on Highway 132. As I leave my home, there are many well-kept vineyards and rural homes. Once I pass Carpenter and get into the Modesto City limits, buildings begin to look more and more deteriorated and run-down and I can see homeless people on the streets. I continue south on Hwy 99 through Ceres and see more poor, run-down homes and some pretty rough patches until I get to the new bridge. Then, as I enter the city limits of Turlock, the area changes: there are really nice neighborhoods and area businesses and I reach my place of work: right across from CSU, Stanislaus.

I looked at the lines you drew and saw that you kept the poorer, less affluent and diverse area of southern Modesto together in one Assembly district. And, you put Turlock, northern Modesto, Riverbank and Waterford together in another district, which I agree with, because I can see the differences between the two areas every day on my way to work.

Thank you for honoring our neighborhoods and for keeping our southern Modesto area whole.

In Appreciation,  
Carmela Perez