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**From:** Adam Cox <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Merced-Monterey proposed senate district

Message Body:

Hi. I'm Adam Cox and I'm a member of the Merced City School Board.

I'm writing to talk about the need to correct two of your State Senate seats. Merced and Foothills.

Merced city schools are not like those of San Francisco, Sacramento and they certainly are not like schools in San Jose,

The Central Valley has an AG economy. That means we have a heavy immigrant population. We have students and parents who may not speak English.

We have parents who are often unemployed or employed seasonally.

They often don't get adequate health care.

The problems are typical of a district with a large farm labor population. They are typical of a farm-based economy.

They are challenges typical of Central Valley school district.

In the foothill seat, Fresno and Madera schools are not like those in Auburn, Placerville, Plymouth or Jackson.

Merced need a legislator who understand our schools and are not focused on schools in San Jose that have an entirely different set of issues.

Fresno and Madera need people who understand their schools and don't get tempted to think that schools in El Dorado County are just like ours.

The Central Valley has high hopes for UC Merced. We want our children to be able to get a quality education and want that school to help us keep our best and brightest at home - so they aren't forced to move to the big city to get a job that pays a decent wage.

Help us help ourselves. Give us a united voice in the Central Valley. Give us representatives who understand our unique educational challenges.

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