On behalf of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, we would like to commend the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on the latest visualization of the Merced Senate District. The Central San Joaquin Valley is a unique slice of California that offers a blend of agriculture, manufacturing and small business. As such, we have unique strengths, opportunities and challenges. The cities within the boundaries of the latest Merced Senate District map provide a balanced representation of who we are in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Alternative Senate District maps have included densely populated bay area counties within the Merced Senate District. Under such scenarios, the Central Valley runs the risk of losing what little representation the Central Valley currently has in the California legislature.

Although there will never be a district map that is satisfactory to all County and City residents, this rendition seems to be the most equitable option for our geographic region.

Thank you for all of your hard work and for understanding the needs of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

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