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Commission,

Attached is a letter opposing the recent Senate Redistricting proposal. Please consider this information in your deliberations.

Thanks

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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
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Reference: July 15, 2011 Northern California Proposed Senate Districts

Dear Commission,

We are opposed to the July 15, 2011 proposed Senatorial District map.

The Turlock Chamber of Commerce represents over 400 businesses in the Turlock area. Our area is predominately agribusiness in nature reflecting our location in the Central Valley. We have reviewed the proposed redistricting of the current 12th District Senate seat. The July 15 proposed map has the Central Valley broken into five districts with the Sierras unified into essentially one foothill district. This most Easterly district ranges from Elk Grove to Death Valley. Part of this district juts into the Central Valley all the way to the San Joaquin River near Patterson and takes in the City of Turlock as well as Clovis and part of Elk Grove. The social and economic range of this district is so diverse that it would make representation of such a district almost impossible. The Senator that would represent the proposed district would be hard pressed to reach agreement on pressing Turlock agricultural issues with someone from the Death Valley or Mammoth Lakes area.

We suggest that the Commission consider like social and economic interest when drawing the map. It would be beneficial to the potential voters to have some consistency in the areas that are served by an individual Senator. In doing so, the area jutting to the San Joaquin River would be redrawn to the East to be more socially and economically consistent with the rest of the proposed district covering the Sierras.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely



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