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Re: District Boundaries  Date: July 27, 2011

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Please see the attached letter for your review and consideration.
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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Dear Commission Members,

The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau is opposed to any redistricting of Assembly, Senate or Congressional districts which divides Yuba or Sutter counties into separate districts.

Yuba and Sutter counties have economies that are heavily dependent upon the agricultural industry; it is the backbone of the communities. It is important to keep the region whole rather than divide the counties into competing political jurisdictions. Separation of either Yuba or Sutter counties from each other, or the splitting of one county into two separate districts would shatter a shared community of interest.

Sutter and Yuba counties have common and deeply held interests in the protections of agriculture, the coordination of transportation infrastructure and economic development. It is these common interests that make it imperative that the counties remain in the same district.

Sutter and Yuba counties share a “community of interest” with the rural agricultural counties of Colusa, Butte, Shasta, Tehama and Glenn. These seven counties share a common watershed and flood protection issues, a strong agricultural component to our economies, and the I-5 and Highway 99 transportation corridors. Rather than splitting Sutter or Yuba counties, representation of interest would be better served by combining both whole counties with one or more of these five counties that face the same issues on a daily basis.

The Board of Directors believes the shared interests in our Yuba and Sutter county communities would be greatly disadvantaged by a political subdivision. Please take these comments into consideration as you prepare your final maps.

Sincerely,

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