March 15, 2021

Commissioner Pedro Toledo  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Toledo,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the re-drawing of district lines in California. The Napa Valley Vintners is the non-profit trade association that represents nearly 550 wineries in the Napa Valley. Founded in 1944, our mission is to promote, protect and enhance the Napa Valley. As the predominant industry in Napa County, the wine industry is estimated to contribute roughly $17.4 billion dollars annually to California’s economy.

We offer the following feedback to the Commission as it deliberates possible changes to California’s current district map.

**Keep Agricultural Communities Together**
The northern California wine industry that is situated in the contiguous counties of Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma and Yolo, should be represented by a single congressional district. All five counties are predominately engaged in agriculture, including growing and processing of specialty crops. The areas are predominately rural, with citizens sharing common social and economic interests and who benefit from cohesive, interconnected planning around transportation, employment opportunities and workforce housing.

**Keep Napa County’s Representation Consistent**
Napa County includes five towns and cities, all of which are currently represented by single House, State Senate and State Assembly districts. This is how Napa County has been represented for decades and it facilitates streamlined communication with and action from government officials. Were parts of Napa County to be divided, we are concerned that there would be exponential inefficiencies and disparate outcomes for residents.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Napa Valley Vintners Board of Directors