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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Public Comment

We are owners of approximately 2,000 acres of vineyard ground in the Red Hills of Lake county, and we have been there for over 20 years now. We recognize the strong need for our vineyard operations, and the Lake county wine operations, to keep all wine districts in Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties in the Fifth Congressional District.

We believe the residents of our three counties can be best served by remaining in the same Congressional District.

Lake County shares many interests and similarities with Napa and Sonoma counties. The winegrape, geothermal and tourism industries, along with regional watersheds and water rights, provide strong ties and long-term relationships among our three counties. It is critical that these interests and relationships be represented in a common, shared Congressional District.

We appreciate the difficult job that the Redistricting Commission has in trying to balance competing interests in drawing district lines. Keeping Lake, Napa and Sonoma counties together not only makes geographical sense, but conforms with the Redistricting Commission’s non-partisan rules to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

W. Andrew Beckstoffer