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

Attn: Public Comment

The Winegrape industry in Lake County strongly recommends that they California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep the counties of Lake, Napa & Sonoma in the Fifth Congressional District.

We believe the best way to serve these three counties is by remaining in the same Congressional District. As a lifelong resident of all three counties, born in Santa Rosa, spent 15 years in St. Helena and now having lived in Lake County for 34 years, I feel this is necessary.

Lake County shares many interests and similarities with Napa and Sonoma counties. The Winegrape regions, 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 we represent these interest and relationships in a common, shared Congressional District.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

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