Hello!

My name is Laura Selken, and I live in Santa Maria. The Santa Maria Valley, which includes the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe, is an extremely important "Community of Interest" on California's Central Coast! It should be kept together in the redistricting process, and united in the same District as Lompoc Valley. We are an agricultural/farmworker/working-class community facing disparities in housing, education, and healthcare with unique economic needs. We are a community of immigrant families with a huge share of Latinx residents, immigrants, and Spanish/indigenous-language speakers - far more than the surrounding region. We are an environmental justice community that has been disproportionately impacted by pollution from oil and gas, agricultural chemicals, and groundwater depletion. The residents of Santa Maria Valley must remain united and not divided.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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