My name is Shelby Albers and I am a volunteer with Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest. I live in Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County and have lived here for over a decade. I am writing to talk about the San Jacinto Pass region and the Coachella Valley that are connected by the I-10 freeway. Keeping these specific communities linked together through redistricting is important because people in my community are able to receive health care from Planned Parenthood Health Centers in the cities of Coachella, Rancho Mirage, and Hemet. These regions also share places to shop, like the Cabazon Outlets, work, and study, with schools like College of the Desert.

My community is distinct from Temecula residents because we don't share these communal spaces. Temecula residents have their own shops and study at different schools, making them a separate community from the state senate district they are a part of. We urge the Commission to remove the Temecula Valley from State Senate District 28 while adding the San Jacinto Pass area to the district. We also urge the Commission to keep Assembly District 56 and Congressional District 36 the same.

Thank you for your time,

Shelby Albers