Good Afternoon,

As CEO of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, I would like to take this opportunity to submit comments on a community of interest that is very important to us… that is, our servicemembers and their families. Specifically, I believe that Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Vista, Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow are a "Community of Interest" due to the strong military ties.

Many active duty and retired military families make their home in this region. Because of the unique needs of military families, it is imperative that they have a strong voice at all levels of government. As a specific example, military families have very specific needs regarding the education of their children. Schools must promote quality education for military children by working with base command, families, and family support agencies. It is critical that government and volunteer programs address the unique needs of our military families. Having representatives focus on ensuring these kinds of programs are available at the state and federal level is important. By keeping this important community of interest together, we can ensure a strong voice for our military families who sacrifice to much for all of us.

Additionally, Fallbrook, Oceanside, Bonsall, and Rainbow share an agricultural district and have similar agricultural needs and have similar concerns regarding public safety, particularly fire safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Scott Ashton
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Oceanside Chamber of Commerce