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Dear California Redistricting Committee,

I am writing to ask that you please keep Imperial County with Eastern Coachella Valley which includes everything within the Imperial County border to the City of Indio.

*Imperial County and Eastern Coachella share deep liabilities around the environmental impact of the drying up of the Salton Sea and air quality-related illnesses, especially asthma. All of this is a result of the dust particles that come from the "playa", the sea's dry, exposed lakebed. We are also both growing communities, which share pioneer families across the sea's perimeter.

* Given the flat landscaped of both Imperial County and East Coachella with the abundance of sunshine, both areas are important sources of current and future renewable energy. We share a thriving rooftop solar industry, and the federal government's Bureau of Land Management has carved out solar energy zones in both Imperial (West Chocolate Mountains SEZ) and eastern Riverside (Riverside East SEZ) counties, owing to our potential as large-scale producers of solar energy.

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