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Dear Commissioners,

First, let me say that I am grateful that you, and not the state legislature, are in charge of this process. I am a longtime resident of the 28th Congressional district, living in the Crescenta Highlands section of Glendale commonly known as La Crescenta. I have long been active in community affairs and currently serve as a member of steering committee of the Crescenta Valley Community Association and as president of the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association.

The 28th district functions very well for its residents because it is cohesive in many ways. The Crescenta Valley runs west to east from Sunland-Tujunga through La Crescenta to La Canada. Although economically diverse, Crescenta Valley communities share vital transportation corridors such as the 210 Freeway and Foothill Blvd. Residents of the various communities have formed links to advocate for our mutual interests. Having a single member of Congress to deal with is vital to protecting our interests.

Prominent among these mutual interests is protecting the area, much of which borders the Angeles National Forest, from wildfires. Wildfire suppression has become even more crucial recently as we have seen more fires that grow faster and move farther than before. As the land is controlled by the federal government, having a single member of Congress, who will necessarily become well informed on this issue, is essential.

Burbank and Glendale share an interest in the Hollywood Burbank Airport, which also serves the area that is home to many Hollywood studios in the 28th district. As the airport undergoes long needed expansion, it is important that it remain in a Congressional district from which it draws so many of its passengers. COVID has delayed the start of construction because it has resulted in substantially reduced revenue. The area the airport serves needs to be represented by a single member of Congress who can make advocating for it a priority.

Regards,

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