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Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My name is Barbara Smith. I am a resident of the city of Auburn, in Placer County. I am writing to advocate for new district boundaries for portions of the area that is currently located within Congressional District 4 (CD4).

The redrawn lines for CD4 should incorporate all of Placer, Nevada, and El Dorado counties along with the Folsom area in Sacramento County. These communities of interest share multiple commonalities which distinguish them from the more rural and isolated counties currently in the southeastern part of CD4.

The entire county of Placer should be included in the same Congressional district. Currently, a small party of Placer is in CD1. I would suggest that all of Placer as well as Nevada County be in CD4. We share topography and demographics. Both of these counties have become havens for retirees and new families and the population of both the urban and rural areas will continue to increase. We share watersheds, boundaries with Lake Tahoe, multiple other recreational areas, and a major freeway artery, Interstate 80. We struggle with our power grids and wildfire is a constant threat. We share a community college district.

Nevada and Placer have a similar affinity with El Dorado County and the Folsom region. Like Placer and Nevada counties, El Dorado borders Lake Tahoe, sharing another major interstate freeway, US Highway 50. Hwy 50 connects El Dorado residents with the Folsom area, where many work and shop. Placer is also connected to Folsom via Auburn-Folsom Road (or Folsom-Auburn Road depending on the county line), a direct conduit between the two counties. Many Placer residents also commute to Folsom and shop there.

Sizeable portions of Placer and El Dorado consist of densely populated suburban areas, which continue to grow. The Folsom region, with its physical proximity to both counties, mirrors the characteristics of Roseville and El Dorado Hills. Including these populated areas in balance with the more rural parts of all three counties would group together an area of common interests and concerns.

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