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Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE Placement of Lake County in Visual Congressional District North Coast and Changes to State Senate and Assembly Visualizations

Dear Commissioners:

Our Board is very discouraged to learn Lake County has been included in "Visual Congressional District North Coast" in your Commission's recently published Visualizations, demonstrating hypothetical District-based boundaries.

As you are aware, proposed changes would align all of Lake County with Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity Counties, as well as a portion of Siskiyou County, for federal representation. Further, proposed boundaries would make dramatic changes to Lake County's State level representation. The total loss of present alignments (Assembly, Senate and Congressional, alike) would be a great disservice to Lake County at what is a critical time.

You will recall, our Board previously submitted a Resolution, filed September 28, impressing on your Commission the vital import of rejoining all of Lake County in the same United States Congressional District with *both* of our neighboring Counties to the South, Napa and Sonoma County. Your proposed visualizations are directly contrary to Lake County's expressed input. We request you re-review that Resolution and reflect our input in your map.

As you will be aware, the agriculture and tourism industries are key facets of the Lake County economy. The southern portions of Lake County offer natural extensions of the cultural and Agritourism-focused opportunities of Sonoma County and the Napa Valley. We want to build on these synergies, and opportunities for Economic Development are enhanced by our sharing common representation. The majority of workforce-engaged residents of Lake County also travel out of the area for work; many to Napa and Sonoma Counties.

Sharing State *and* Federal level representation with both Napa and Sonoma Counties has been of great benefit to Lake County. Our Board does not appreciate what compels your Commission to change these alignments, and we very strongly urge you to reconsider. Aligning Lake County with both of our southern neighbors is crucial to our long-term recovery from repeated disasters and building the brightest possible future for all of our residents. You have noted these Visualizations are not final maps, and there is plenty of time to make adjustments, as requested.

Respectfully,

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