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Dear members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The current district lines effectively deny the people of San Joaquin County the representation they deserve in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The Commission should rectify this situation by drawing new districts that keep San Joaquin County whole.

San Joaquin County is one community. Its residents share many things, including a common history and culture that dates back to California statehood. There are also more tangible common interests, including agriculture, education—even the I-5 and Highway 99 corridors. People in San Joaquin County also have shared trials in recent years, including unemployment, foreclosures, and water shortages.

Residents of this county also have a common interest in the health care services they share at our major hospitals, including Lodi Memorial Hospital, where I serve as President and CEO. People in Lodi, Stockton, and all of San Joaquin County rely on our services. For example, Lodi Memorial Hospital operates a family medicine clinic and an outpatient-surgery center in North Stockton. Lodi Memorial partners with the San Joaquin Medical Society, a professional association that since 1874 has served physicians throughout San Joaquin County, and also with the University of the Pacific's School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, which is located in downtown Stockton. The patients we serve, and the 1400 people we employ, live not just in Lodi but throughout San Joaquin County. We also operate clinics in Galt, in southern Sacramento County, and Ione, in western Amador County.

In short, while the people of this county rise and fall together, the current legislative districts keep us apart. The Commission now has a chance to correct the illogical lines that resulted from the last redistricting cycle. As you redraw these lines, I hope you will take into account the many interests that people in San Joaquin County share. Please draw lines that keep the county and its people together. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Harrington", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Harrington
President and CEO
Lodi Memorial Hospital