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Congressman Mike Thompson
231 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Thompson:

I understand you, who represents California's 5th Congressional District, are supportive of HR 3313 - authored by Congressman La Malfa (California's 1st District). I live in the Santa Ynez Valley where Camp 4 is located. I tried to ask you to revisit your decision regarding HR 3313 via the link on your website. I discovered that your website filters out email communication from anyone who is not from your District, vis the following:

If you would like to send me an e-mail, please enter your zip code below and press submit so we can verify that you live in the Fifth District of California. If you do not know the 4 digit ending to your zip code, you can find it by visiting USPS Zip+4 Lookup page.

In other words, you support a piece of legislation which almost exclusively impacts land in MY Congressional District and yet your website excludes me from using it to communicate with you.

My representative, Congresswoman Lois Capps, is opposed to HR 3313. Her district includes Camp 4. Congresswoman Capps represents the citizens who will be directly impacted should the State, the County and the Santa Ynez Valley be divested of taxing and land use authority - in perpetuity.

I have invited Congressman La Malfa to come to the Santa Ynez Valley and participate in an informational forum before taking HR 3313 any further. I have not had a response from Congressman La Malfa. I issue the same invitation to you. All I can offer is information, I am not financially able to contribute to campaigns of any elected officials who do not represent me.

Very truly yours,

Kelly B. Gray

cc: Congresswoman Lois Capps - via email
 Congressman Doug La Malfa
 Supervisor Doreen Farr - via email
 Concerned Citizens - via email
 POLO (Preservation of Los Olivos) - via email
 POSY (Preservation of Santa Ynez) - via email
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