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**From:** JOAN HAMBLIN [REDACTED]  
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I applied to serve on this commission but I eliminated myself by not taking the time to provide some of the information. I applaud you for the time you are taking to serve our state. My most serious concern is that the people of the state will be represented and well-served by any redistricting done by this committee. The current configuration that favors one party over another without any concern for the majority of voters in different and distinct areas is, to say the least, unfair. I think it is totally wrong for one Congressional district to have voters from four counties. Consider how much money candidates have to spend to try to appeal to this huge area. And when it comes to counting votes, it makes much more sense for a Congressional district to represent voters in either one county with contiguous communities, rather than jumping over one town to the next, or worse, splitting a community into two different Congressional districts.

Several years ago when Ronald Reagan was governor of California, the California legislators were dealing with the same issue. Reagan repeatedly refused to sign their proposals because they (the proposals) represented the self-interests of politicians vs. the interests of the people of the state. I would hope that this commission seek the same ends: what is best for the people of California and the people of diverse geographic areas, not what would keep a district "safe" for any particular legislator.

Sincerely,  
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