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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

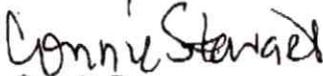
I am writing on behalf of the California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP) to request that the Citizens Redistricting Commission hold a Public Input Hearing in the Redwood Coast region --Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino or Trinity Counties.

CCRP is located at Humboldt State University and conducts research to inform policy, build community and promote the health and well-being of rural people and environments. The Redwood Coast is roughly the size of Connecticut and Massachusetts and the current schedule of hearings does not provide residents a fair opportunity to participate in this process which could have such far-reaching implications for representation at the federal and state levels.

In the current schedule of hearings, 26 counties (more than half of all counties in California) are assembled into one massive region. North Coast residents who wish to attend would face up to a 6 hour drive (one way) over mountainous roads. By comparison, residents from virtually all other regions are offered multiple opportunities to attend hearings within a reasonable distance, many under one hour's drive, with a two-hour drive at the high end.

Please reconsider your current outreach schedule to include a public hearing in the Redwood Coast. Residents here have a clear disadvantage compared to virtually all other state residents.

Respectfully,

  
Connie Stewart  
Executive Director