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As the oldest and most locally active environmental group in Del Norte County, we request that Del Norte County be placed back in Senate District 2, with neighboring Northern California coastal communities. Our legislative interests are unique to the coast and need effective coastal representation. We have more in common with other coastal communities such as Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. The health of our rivers and our valuable fisheries need a Coastal Representative and Senator who will defend our fisheries and protect our rivers from inland interests when it comes to providing adequate water for fish, rather than over allocating water to inland farmers. In this most important issue, we are at odds with inland representation. It is difficult to access inland representatives, as travel to inland areas is a long circuitous route that actually takes us out of state. Legislators can more easily work together among the Northern California coastal counties. Coastal communities also have in common representation on the California Coastal Commission, College of the Redwoods, Caltrans District 1, Redwood Parks Association, North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, North Coast Chapter of the Sierra Club, Northcoast Environmental Center, Redwood Coast Tsunami Workgroup, and many other common associations. The northern coastal communities are a geographically and socially unified area.

Thank you, Eileen Cooper on behalf of the Friends of Del Norte Board, [REDACTED]