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We are writing with regard to the possible redrawing of the lines of our Congressional district. There have been no public hearings in our three county area: Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino. To attend any of the public hearings required a one way drive of **at least three hours**. This is not fair. Why were we **ignored?**

These three counties are very similar geographically, economically and environmentally. Our concerns regarding the health of our many rivers, the use of the many state and federal parks in the area, the preservation of the old growth redwoods, and the proper use of the oceanic fishing grounds are **not shared with citizens east** of us.

These counties have been bound geographically and economically to the north Bay Area since before the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge. It is a **coastal district** connected by one major highway that runs north to south. Travel east to west is very difficult, sometimes impossible due to weather in the mountains.

We hope that you will take these statements into account when making your deliberations. Perhaps you can come to the north coast and speak to the citizenry. We are sure you will find people very interested in speaking out.

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