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Subject: Proposed changes to Senate District 12

Message Body:

Statement of opposition to proposed changes to 12th Senate District (Cannella).

As currently configured the District appropriately captures a large portion of the Central Valley, a geographic region whose economy has a significant focus on agriculture, and who share common goals and concerns relating to transportation, air quality, water management practices and other environmental issues. As proposed the District would lose significant population in the Central Valley (Modesto, Turlock, and Madera) and gain in Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County. Given this shift in population, it is highly likely that future representatives will come from the west side of the mountain range, leaving valley communities with little actual representation.

The proposed District is linked by only a single roadway over a mountain range. The issues facing these two very different geographies are significantly different and a single representative could not adequately and fairly serve communities so diverse and with so many differing priorities.

In short, it will be impossible to fairly represent two such disparate communities of interest. Attempting to fairly represent valley and coastal communities in the same Senatorial District will lead to little or no representation for either the Valley or the Coast, depending on the elected Senator's place of residence.

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