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Hello Citizens Commission:

I am not at all well informed about the redistricting but have learned a couple of things that are **extremely disturbing.**

1. The initial redistricting plan places Shaver Lake in a Sacramento area. Excuse me Shaver Lake is only 40 miles from Fresno and 300 miles or more from Sacramento. How can the people of Shaver Lake have access to a member of congress under those conditions? The other side of this how in the world would a Congressman be able to represent an area 300 miles from his area? Does this make any sense? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!**

2. Sanger also in Fresno County would be in a Congressional district 80 miles south. Sanger also a suburb of Fresno is 20 to 25 miles from Fresno. Small cities in counties **NEED** congressional representation. These two Fresno County suburbs should send whoever is involved in the redistricting back to do their homework. Probably many other locations who feel the redistricting is whacky should also do the same.

A better plan would be to draw regional districts which have specific number of populations and size them together so as to give each region central representation. Fresno is to big to be one district but the Representative we have now, while doing an excellent job, does not live in Fresno. There is a small part of Fresno that does have a local congressman but his district goes south not north. Come on folks do the homework and get this job done correctly not politically, **okay.**

Thank you.

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