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RE: Reconfigure Proposed Northcoast Congressional District

It is highly unlikely that rural Humboldt County can possibly be accurately represented in a district where over half of the constituents reside in urban, industrialized communities. Please note that Sonoma & Marin Counties (excluding Santa Rosa) comprise 61% to 80% of the Congressional District; 61% of the Senate District; and that Sonoma County (excluding Santa Rosa) comprises 67 % of the Assembly District.

While it is true that the proposed district shares a coastline, it is not true that lifestyles and concerns are similar. Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino are rural and primarily agriculturally oriented. Even though the land-mass of the rural counties is larger, the population is not. Issues related to rural areas are totally different from urban areas. What chance do rural counties have to be heard over those of the mass populace of the urban areas?

We urge you to reconsider changing the district delineation to an East/West configuration. We prefer to be included in a district with counties who share similar lifestyles and a shared social and economic community.

Sincerely,

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