Dear members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I live in Half Moon Bay on the San Mateo Coast. Since I moved here almost ten years ago, the communities along our coast have been split between two Congressional districts, the 12th and 14th. This makes no sense since the part of our area that is in the 12th District has a small population and contains three unincorporated towns of Montara, Moss Beach and Princeton by the Sea. We all consider ourselves Coastsiders and share the same school and fire districts.

I ask you, please, put us all in the same Congressional district, either the 12th or 14th. The bulk of our population is in the 14th district currently so adding the three northern towns would only involve about 5000 population (and even fewer voters). If more convenient, moving the district boundary south of Half Moon Bay, El Granada and Miramar into the 12th district. But about 20,000 population would be involved.

As your latest maps are drawn, the proposed boundary separates the marina in Princeton by the Sea from the town, a truly bizarre situation. Adding the marina into the same district as the town would only involve moving about 50 voters.

Fortunately, the current and proposed State Senate and Assembly districts do not suffer the same kind of split and for that I sincerely thank you.

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