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California Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Re: Redistricting Del Norte County into Senate District 2

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

Del Norte County, the northernmost coastal county in California, which was removed from Senate District 2 and placed in Senate District 4 in 2000, an otherwise entirely inland district, would benefit immensely from being redistricted back into Senate District 2.

The northern coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino share a vast array of communities of interest, unique to issues affecting associations and people within these specific coastal areas: commercial fishermen associations; College of the Redwoods; tsunami preparedness and response agencies and workgroups; regional health care facilities and agencies; redwood related parks, preservation and historical associations; tourism and business associations; and, of course, the Coastal Commission, among many others. Each of these communities of interest would benefit by the inclusion of Del Norte in a unified, coastal-based Senate District 2. These interests cannot and have not been adequately addressed—and have been substantively diluted, in a wide variety of previously unanticipated ways—for the individual communities and the northern coastal counties, as a whole, by Del Norte County's inclusion in Senate District 4.

Although the other, entirely inland communities of interest in Senate District 4 share a number of interests with Del Norte—as all communities of interest in California necessarily do--the preponderance of uniquely coastal aspects affecting Del Norte County's communities of interest weigh heavily in favor of Del Norte's redistricting back into Senate District 2.

Therefore, the people, agencies, and entities of Del Norte County, as well as the other northern coastal communities, would be best served by the Commission returning Del Norte County to Senate District 2, while maintaining its proper inclusion in Congressional and Assembly Districts 1.

Thank you,

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