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Dear Commissioners:

It was clear at today's hearing that there is only one big question for redistricting the far northern part of the state. That is, should the districts run from west to east, from the coast to the Nevada border, based on commonality of interests, or should they run north to south along the transportation corridors as they do now, from the Oregon border to as far south as needed to pick up the required numbers of people.

Many of the people at the hearing, being from the far north, pointed out a problem with the north to south districts, which is that the south ends of those districts reach almost to Sacramento and have a lot of people whose interests aren't like interests in the north. So this dilutes the interests of the northerners.

I'm a resident of Davis, at the *south* end of a north/south congressional district that goes from Yolo County over to the coast and then runs 250 miles north up the coast to the Oregon border. Our interests, as a Central Valley agricultural area, are diluted by us being included in what is essentially a coastal district.

So the interests of people at both ends of the north/south districts are being slighted because the districts have to be so long that they span very different geographic parts of the state.

Please take this note as a vote in favor of redistricting the far north of the state from west to east. While it's true that transportation across those districts would be very slow and difficult, maybe that will become less and less of a problem as communication between office holders and the rest of us becomes more and more electronic.

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