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Dear Commissioners:

I live in Senate District 15, and have learned that my state Senator, Sam Blakeslee, is trying to convince you not to change District 15 because San Luis Obispo is simpatico to Monterey County. That is flatly wrong. My husband and I lived in Santa Barbara from 1998 until 2003. We regularly worked and socialized in San Luis Obispo. On our visits to the Monterey, everything felt different. Even my employer, State Farm Auto Claims, saw the difference. They had my office housed in Ventura when I had adjunct offices in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. When State Farm moved me to San José in 2003, my adjunct offices here (in Senate District 15) include Monterey.

Even the local news stations find a natural division. In Santa Barbara, our news coverage ranged from San Luis Obispo to Ventura. Now that I live in Carmel, the local news goes from Big Sur and King City to Santa Cruz.

I am annoyed that *my* senator would suggest that San Luis County is similar to Monterey County in any way, and as a constituent I want to state that Senate District 15 as it is defined today represents gerrymandering at its worst. Just look at a map!

Please redistrict so I can be represented by a senator who understands my positions and values. Clearly, the senator from San Luis Obispo does not. Please do what you are commissioned to do--see to it that my district does NOT include SLO County, so I can be grouped with like-minded constituents.

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