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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Friends,

I am a professor of sociology at UC Santa Cruz and a registered voter at 416 Clinton St., in Santa Cruz.

I would like to draw your attention to the extreme gerrymandering that has produced Senate District 15, which winds through our county like a serpent to avoid concentrations of Democratic voters. The district follows a similarly strange course in Monterey County. Because of related gerrymandering in other senate districts our Monterey Bay region has been split into minor parts of three different senate districts, and our region has been deprived of a voice in Sacramento.

There is no conceivable community of interest that could circle around the town of Santa Cruz, as Senate district 15 now does, to take in all our surrounding communities. Please, correct this travesty.

Thank you, sincerely

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