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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Senate District 15 I urge you to see that it is re-configured to represent a natural community of interest, not a gerrymander. As the Central Coast Newspapers' TimesPressRecorder said yesterday (April 14):

"Look up the definition of "gerrymandering" — the practice of drawing district boundaries to enhance the power of a political party — in the dictionary, and you might find the map of a Central Coast assembly or senate district... The 15th Senate District, represented by Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo), includes portions of five counties — Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara — and stretches from Santa Maria all the way to a tiny portion of San Jose."
(<http://www.timespressrecorder.com/articles/2011/04/14/news/featurednews/news01.txt>)

The state's geography, history, economy and demography all make clear that San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, for example, should not be part of the same district as Monterey County.

Thank you for your work to ensure greater clarity, honesty and balance in our state's representative democracy.

Sincerely,

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