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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is concerned that the present regional configuration for citizen input to the Commission lacks an understanding of our topography, commerce, and established communities of interest. The schedule of hearings for Region IX that includes Auburn, Redding, and Marysville demonstrates a disregard for our coastal communities and identifications.

North Coast residents should be afforded reasonable opportunity to participate in the citizen driven redistricting discussion. Without a coastal location in the northern tri-county area, we are without that opportunity. Region IX encompasses roughly one third of the land mass that is California. To eliminate all North Coast residents from accessible participation in the hearing process for this huge region could compromise regional outcomes.

Networks long established emphasize our fishing, agriculture, and health care delivery systems. We partner with Lake County in delivering services to seniors. The North Coast Tourism Council unites Sonoma County to the south with Del Norte County to the north. The recent Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) process defined Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties as a distinct study region and a unique Marine Protected Area Proposal was the result. Our pasture-based agriculture and wine regions unite us with Sonoma, Lake, and Napa counties. Our north-south corridors of transportation, Highway 1 and Highway 101 have long defined our essential commerce connections.

We believe it is essential that the Commission hear from coastal residents about our unique communities, their connections and well established relationships. We respectfully request that you hold at least one hearing in the Northern Coastal Region to allow Mendocino County residents, and our neighbors, a meaningful opportunity to participate in the process of defining our representational boundaries.

Sincerely,

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

				
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