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To The Commission:

As a long-time residents of Little River, we have been following the work of the Redistricting Commission with great interest. We are very concerned with the idea that has been presented about changing the lines for north coast counties, which historically have run from north to south, to run east to west.

The north coast counties are linked, not only by the 101 corridor, but by economic interests such as fishing, timber, and tourism. We are all part of the same community college district, and we all have the protection of the ocean and marine life in the forefront of our daily activities. The coastal counties are divided from inland areas to the east of us by the Coastal Mountain Range with no direct roads through to the eastern urban towns. Travel time between the Mendocino Coast and Redding is approximately six hours. During the winter, many of the roads can be impassable due to ice and/or flooding.

We believe the north coast counties will be better served by the commission including them in Senate District 2, while maintaining their proper inclusion in Congressional and Assembly Districts 1.

Thank you for considering this request,
Ken & Barbara Matheson