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Commissioners
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Re: Strongly Urge Inclusion of Entire Santa Barbara County
Within the 35th Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts

Honorable Commissioners:

We are writing to urge you to include *Santa Barbara County, in its entirety*, within the 35th Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts. The Central Coast has received national attention as an egregious example of gerrymandering. There is no place for such sheer political abuse in this great state and country. Historically, until 2002, Santa Barbara County was included in its entirety within the same California Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts. It is respectfully submitted this same logic should prevail in your deliberations.

Currently Santa Barbara County is cut in half within its representative legislative districts. We are advised that at your recent hearings in San Luis Obispo almost every person testifying urged you to keep all of SB County in one Assembly, Senate and Congressional District, respectively. Additionally, we understand this request has strong bi-partisan support led by former Assembly Members, Democrat Pedro Nava and Republican Brooks Firestone.

The citizens of California created the Redistricting Commission to take the politics out of the redistricting process. We submit that for the Redistricting Commission to fail to include all of Santa Barbara County in State legislative and Congressional Districts would be an abject travesty. We trust you will heed the voters' wishes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard & Patricia St. Clair