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Message Body:

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, California

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking on the task of redrawing California's legislative and Board of Equalization districts.

I have lived in Ukiah since 1976 and have worked on political issues at the grassroots and also in the Mendocino County District office of Dan Hauser, State Assemblyman. I have seen that the issues which are important to our North Coast counties are different than those of the inland district/counties. The travel time through the Coastal Range presents its own time challenges. And as transportation slows the interest in land, wildlife and the beauty of nature compensate. We on the North Coast value our wildlife, bird and marine protected areas. There are over 50 state parks along the coast, nestled in the Coastal Range and along our rivers.

We tend to go north and south along the Coast for our transportation, shopping and communications. The 101 corridor is the main artery for transportation and shopping

and higher education and speciality training opportunities.

The wine industry in Mendocino tends to look to Lake and Sonoma Counties for mixing their favorite blends and distributing their wines to a larger population.

I feel that it is important to keep these communities of interest together. They reflect the way the North Coast lives its daily life. Our legislative districts should reflect our transportation, occupational and commercial needs. The 101 corridor ties the North Coast together. Any legislative districts should reflect this reality.

Thank you for the time and effort that you are putting into this project. I wish you every success.

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