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To the Citizen's Redistricting Committee:

First and foremost, I need to state that it is very disappointing that the farthest north you are holding a meeting is Santa Rosa. That is 4 hours away from here, which makes it difficult for anyone on the north coast to participate in person. Please consider having a public input meeting further north - in Eureka, perhaps, or even Redding.

As for my comments on redistricting, please keep in mind that coastal concerns are far different from those of our inland neighbors, and resist the temptation to just draw a line across the top of the state. Our economies, demographics, transportation concerns, approaches to resource use, infrastructures, climate and geology, and histories are vastly different. While huge, the current first district of the state assembly addresses these concerns. I urge you to keep this in mind as you begin your deliberations. Thank you.

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All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.  
Aristotle