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Subject : Forming a more contiguous state senate district of interest in the Central California Coast

For years I have been complaining about the ultra gerrymandered 15th State Senate District in Central California so, now I am overjoyed to complain to someone who can do something to correct the situation.

Our State Senate District which covers five counties and stretches from Saratoga in the north to Santa Maria in the south (about a 4 hour drive apart) represents two disparate communities. I've been told that in the south of the district, the inhabitants look to Los Angeles as its cultural influence while we in the north look to San Francisco, symbolized by Dodger and Giant fans. Leaving baseball aside, I have no idea what transpires in the south,. We are separated by the gigantic Big Sur Wilderness area and large ranches with few inhabitants .Our local media covers our three contiguous counties, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito.. In our three counties, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito, The Monterey Bay Marine Reserve is the focus of our concern and provides jobs, recreation and education. Our Cal State University draws from those three counties. Our congressman represents those three counties. We are in every way a community of interest. We are people from all economic levels, many races and languages but we are united as a people concerned about our local area.

How wonderful it would be to have a State Senate District cover our three counties, be similar to our congressional lines and contain our two assembly districts.

Thank you for taking my concerns in account; I'm looking forward to your final decision.
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