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Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I live in San Benito County and work as an educator in Santa Cruz County. My daily commute is driving from Hollister to Watsonville. The reason I'm writing is to encourage you to look at San Benito County (District 12) and its greater compatibility with Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, as compared to Modesto or Merced Counties.

There are several factors which support the proposal of making San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties as one district. Some of these factors are their geographic location, interrelated community of these school districts, and the degree of access to medical services. These three components directly affect our communities and their needs.

In regards to location, our county is closest in mileage and ease to Santa Cruz and Monterey for employment, education, and physicians. Many people work and use medical facilities in one of these counties. Students in Santa Cruz County visit the San Juan Bautista Mission in San Benito County as part of their fourth grade curriculum as an example of these schools interdependence. Specific medical services are available in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and are an easy drive to obtain.

Furthermore, the attitude of the people here in San Benito is that of a valley coastal community. I think this may be due to the numerous families which live in the tri-county area and to let you in on a secret, we have lovely afternoon breezes that reach us through the valley behind Watsonville and make our afternoons cool, salty, and very pleasant.

Please think of these factors when considering redistricting of the agriculturally bountiful county of San Benito. Our location, students, their families, educators, and medical access is intertwined and interdependent with Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

Sincerely,
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