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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

I am respectfully requesting that the Commission seriously consider redrawing, what is currently the Sixth Congressional District, to include as much as possible, the Counties of Marin and Sonoma, in any new congressional district that may be drawn.

The reasons for my request are motivated by the many similarities that both counties share with one another. Allow me to list just a few important reasons why I believe it is important to keep both counties in one congressional district.

- Marin and Sonoma Counties share a contiguous border
- Both counties share one main freeway system, State Highway 101
- Both Marin and Sonoma Counties are in the process of establishing an intercounty transportation system: The Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART).
- The North Coast Rail Authority will soon begin running a freight train operation between both counties.
- Marin and Sonoma Counties are both supplied by potable water from the same source, the Russia River, via the Sonoma County Water Agency.
- Both counties have a thriving agricultural economy that is linked by family run farms and ranches, some that are located both counties

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- The Pacific Ocean laps on the shores of both counties. The Petaluma River is shared by both counties

- The population demographics are similar, including a growing Hispanic community
- Thousands of Sonoma/Marin residents commute between both counties during the average work week to and from their job locations
- A majority of each county's residents live in small towns located along the Highway 101 corridor and have one larger city as the county seat (San Rafael/Santa Rosa)

The population base of both counties should come very close to the total amount of citizens required to form a one congressional district.

I sincerely feel that by combining Marin and Sonoma Counties into one congressional district will make the most sense once the redistricting is complete.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Adams, Ph.D., R.N.

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