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I have been following the work of the commission and recognize that you will be determining Congressional lines as well as Assembly and State Senate. This is a monumental task and I commend you for the work you are doing.

As a life-long California resident, and a long time coastal resident, I am concerned about the concept of an east-west line for our districts. I have lived in many parts of California, including the northern inland counties and know that the communities of interest are quite different. We also face geographic realities that often mean we can't get from west to east easily. The fact that our Congressional, Assembly and State Senate districts are similar in so many ways has made it possible for us to have more input on issues of commonality, uniting us in matters of quality of life, jobs and environmental protection. Changing the district boundaries from the historical north-south to east-west will alter traditional networks that have developed over many years and in many fields.

I urge you to take into consideration natural transportation and industry patterns and leave the north coastal counties in the same Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts. This can be easily accomplished with no change to the Congressional district as it appears to fall within the population guidelines as it is. For the State Senate, I urge you to add Del Norte County to this district, where it had been until the last census. Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Lake, and Napa counties would mean not crossing county lines and should meet the population target. For the Assembly district, moving the district line further into Sonoma County would also meet the population target. This will preserve the communities of interest and connections that have been developed over many years.

Thank you for your consideration.

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