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Dear Redistricting Commission,

Well aware of the gerrymander history of our state, I hold great hope for the redistricting committee. For example, our present state senate district is represented by a man from Grass Valley, an area totally unlike ours in culture, history, or economy. I know that you aren't going to hold meetings in this far corner of the state so I thought I would make my feelings known.

I believe that, almost to a person, our local community would say that what defines us is our connection to the sea. Almost the entire population lives in a narrow strip of land along the coast. As such, we have a natural affinity with the other Northern California coastal counties. It is important to us that we be placed in districts that includes the other Northern California coastal counties, namely Humboldt and Mendocino. We share with these counties not only a rural and sometimes remote way of life, but also the shared hardships brought on by the decline of fisheries and the timber industry. I am aware that some compromises will have to be made, but please don't consider splitting us away from the other coastal counties.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and if you have any questions, or desire any other input, so not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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