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Dear Commissioners

I am writing you as a native Californian and lifelong student of, and participant in State and local government and politics to respect the commonality of California's North Coast communities and provide us with truly North Coast representatives in Congress and the Legislature.

My direct experience with redistricting goes back to bills drawn in response to the decennial census of 1960. Those hearings, which I attended as an interested citizen, produced representatives from California's minority populations, in strong numbers for the first time, who made, what were for me, very compelling cases for respecting their community cohesion.

I have lived and worked, quite literally, all over California. I am most knowledgeable concerning the communities – the cultures – of the Sacramento Valley and surrounding mountains and those of the North Coast counties from San Francisco northward. I can assure you, based on more than 50 years of sustained professional public-service interaction with both valley and coastal communities, that the legitimate needs and goals of the coastal communities are far, far more common with one another than with the Valley-mountain communities.

We on the North Coast would appreciate it tremendously if you could find it in your hearts to schedule a public meeting in Eureka to gather testimony on why the counties of Sonoma north to Del Norte are, in fact, a single community of interest, a common culture.

Sincerely,

Bill Kier  
Blue Lake, California

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