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Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I have lived in Mendocino County on the coast for the past thirty nine years. I am a school teacher and my husband has a small civil engineering company. We have been actively involved in the civic life of the community ever since we arrived here.

Because our population thrives economically and emotionally on the fact that we are connected to the ocean, we would like to see the configurations of the current Congressional and Assembly districts remain as they have been since the early seventies -- through both Republican and Democratic administrations. If more population is needed to complete the State Senate district, it should be extended to include Del Norte because it is the logical continuation of our ocean district. This community cares deeply and passionately about ocean protection issues.

Slicing off portions of northern California laterally would separate natural communities of interest and could possibly change the tenor of our districts from resource protection to resource extraction.

Above all else, we want to make sure that there is no offshore oil development here and that the whale migration patterns are respected since we have been actively involved in those particular aspects of ocean protection issues.

Sincerely,

Sally Welty

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