

**Subject: Opposition to proposed redistricting.**

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**Conversation:** Opposition to proposed redistricting.

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

We strongly oppose any redistricting of our Congressional and state legislator districts for the following reasons:

1. Historically and factually, the seven counties comprising our Congressional district share geographical, commercial and environmental interests. Our north coastal counties of Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte have long worked together, bound by common interests, remoteness and our unique blend of commercial opportunities.

2. These common interests, including a major sector of California's Wine Industry, share the major highway corridor linking us to our neighboring counties of Lake, Napa and Yolo, currently within our Congressional District . This corridor is the principal artery of commerce for our wine and agriculture industry, as well as serving the needs of our inner communities.

3. Changing this northern California area to an east/west legislative orientation makes no sense whatsoever. Additionally, it would impose a great burden on the many constituents who participate in governmental matters in that east/west travel to and from the I-5 corridor is horrendous any time of year, particular in winter.

Thank you for your attention,  
Mel & Susan McKinney  
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