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Subject: Congressional re-districting

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Cc: Rob Olmstead 

To the Commission:

The boundaries and logic displayed in Casey Scott's opinion letter published in the My15th edition of the Record Searchlight make perfectly good sense to me, and reflect sentiments that I have held for decades.

While not expert in the population demographics of the counties surrounding Sacramento, it is obvious that the issues and industries binding Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama, Trinity, and Humboldt, Lassen, Del Norte, and most of Mendocino and/or Plumas counties are common. Currently those areas are separated and represented by three different Congressmen whose population and influence bases are far south of those constituents.

To a 6th generation Northern Californian (my family came to the north state before Sutter built his fort), the current district delineation of the districts (1st, 2nd, and 4th) above Sacramento (5th) appears to localize power in population centers far from the most sparsely populated parts of the State, effectively disenfranchising some voters. That is particularly true of my own District 02. As a property owner in Shasta, and Siskiyou Counties, the political and economic issues of serious concert to me and my neighbors have little or no relevance to those residents of Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, and Yolo Counties.

The redistricting process is a rare and fascinating opportunity to change a map that appears to have been drawn in another geopolitical era. I hope you would consider my opinion as a taxpayer, businessman, and concerned citizen when making your decision/recommendation.

Very sincerely,

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