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I hope this gets to the Redistricting Commission before the deadline.

Because this is a commission of volunteer citizens, I hope they do not feel the need to accommodate those critics who scream the loudest. The will of the people was clear. They want an end to safe, gerrymandered districts that guarantee re-election to incumbents. The commission must assert its authority in the face of criticism to achieve its objective. Negotiations among the commission members of differing party loyalties has presumably already taken place.

Four of the five members of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors (on which I served eight years until this past December) oppose what you propose. Please ignore them! The Chamber of Commerce also opposes what you are doing. They are highly political organization which has not created a single job in this county.

The claim that we have more in common with the agricultural areas in the Central Valley than with the other foothill counties is bogus. Historically, the common nature of the the foothill counties was recognized in the districting.

Stand firm and do the right thing.

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