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I want to commend the Commission for its work thus far. The first version of the new districts appear to be a great improvement over the politically-motivated current district lines. I do have certain reservations about the proposal, however.

With regard to the 6th Congressional District, I'm not thrilled about the extended chicken-leg shape of the district, which would extend from the Bay Area all the way to the Oregon boarder, as I don't see how this very long area has a strong "community interest". More importantly, however, is the proposed exclusion of Santa Rosa from this district. I understand that the need to balance populations is important, but to leave the principal city of the Sonoma-Marin area out of this district makes no sense, and I urge the Commission to reconsider the proposal.

Thank you.

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