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Yreka, CA 96097

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Siskiyou County**Sheriff's Department**

JON LOPEY
Sheriff

June 15, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
910 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County. As the elected Sheriff of Siskiyou County, I feel that this separation of state and federal assembly, senate and congressional boundaries will adversely impact the public safety, health, and potentially, the economic and social fabric of our county. I am very alarmed by the first draft of maps proposed by the Commission and can see absolutely no benefits to this plan.

I am in opposition to the proposed split of Siskiyou County into separate Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. I am convinced that several communities of interest in the county would be adversely affected. Your Commission's proposal for Siskiyou County will result in splits of Supervisorial Districts 5 including the incorporated cities of Fort Jones and Etna, Supervisorial District 3, Siskiyou County Board of Education Areas 3, 6, and 7, Siskiyou Community College District Areas 3 and 7, Yreka Union High School District Areas 3 and 7, Siskiyou Union High School District, Scott Valley Unified School District Area 1 and 2, Hornbrook Elementary School District, Gazelle Elementary School District, Scott Valley Fire Protection District and Gazelle Fire Protection District.

Although the negative impact of this split are too numerous to mention, I will elaborate on a few of the most compelling arguments to maintain the districts as they currently stand. The public safety community in Siskiyou County has an excellent working relationship with Assemblyman Nielsen, Senator LaMalfa and Congressmen Herger. These elected representatives know our county and have the interests of our citizens as a priority. I have been a law enforcement professional for over 33 years and have worked with our current elected representatives intermittently for nearly 19 years. Placing us in the coastal districts will almost completely eliminate my ability and the capacity of our citizens to attend key events and meetings on a regular basis due to distance, weather and expense. Currently, I have free access to my elected representatives and do not have to drive three to five hours to visit them. I also believe the coastal elected representatives have different law enforcement priorities and critical issues such as agriculture, water rights, dam removal, endangered species, foresting, mining, recreation, and general land use topics are significantly different in the coastal areas.

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I know this because I once worked in Mendocino County and have occasionally worked in areas like Humboldt County during my employment with the California Highway Patrol.

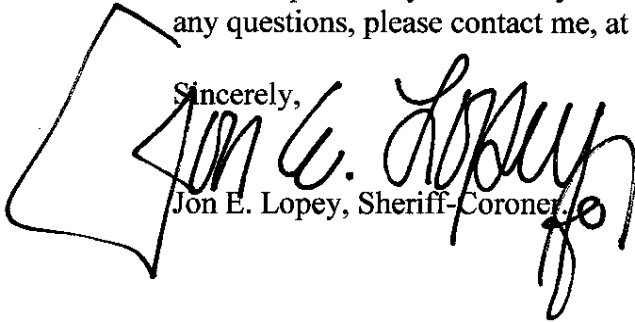
I firmly believe that the priority of a county united under the same elected representatives promotes more effective, comprehensive and timely public health and safety. A separation of our county along the proposed boundaries would inhibit my ability to address critical law enforcement prevention, response and program responsibilities. Siskiyou County already has tremendous budget challenges and has seen a significant decline in the economy and a divided political approach to our problems will be potentially catastrophic. I have discussed this issue with many county residents and I have not talked to one person who thinks this is a good idea. Most people I have talked to view this as a deliberate political ploy with which to reduce the voice and freedoms of county citizens, especially in relation to critical land and water use issues.

If this proposal is implemented, I am convinced that the people of Siskiyou County will have very little if any voice and my concerns about public health and safety will not be addressed in a timely or proper fashion. I have had recent conversations with coastal county sheriffs and it is evident that coastal political priorities and public safety perspectives are not compatible with the priorities and issues that Siskiyou citizens most care about. Again, the majority of citizens here view land use, water rights, marijuana cultivation, recreation, and many other issues differently.

Since this issue is a government-sponsored initiative which potentially impacts the public health, safety, stability, and economy of Siskiyou County, and effects my ability to enforce the law and conduct public safety programs, I respectfully request that the Commission conduct proper coordination with me, a duly elected official, to ensure there is reasonable consistency in the decision made by your Commission. In other words, my understanding of federal and state law indicates that the Commission has an obligation to coordinate with me, the elected Sheriff of Siskiyou County because of the negative impacts I predict will occur as a result of this redistricting, should this realignment of boundaries be implemented in its current form. Since federal funds are used for some of your activities and redistricting involves federal and state districts and programs that will generate from this redistricting my interpretation of the law reveal that the Commission is obligated to follow federal and state law in this regard to ensure proper coordination and consistency is achieved.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with the Commission in the near future to personally discuss my strong opposition to this redistricting proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact me, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


Jon E. Lopey, Sheriff-Coroner

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REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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6/27/11

Citizens Redistricting Commission

This letter is in reference to your proposed redistricting map dividing the County of Siskiyou.

We the people of Siskiyou County are very united in the effort to fight the removal of the dams on the Klamath River. 79% of us voted to keep the dams for our clean energy supply. We have very good alternatives to the removal of the dams. ~~W~~

We are in agreement that our water rights and property rights are being threatened by certain government agencies and we are standing on our constitutional rights to fight these agencies. Our representatives are standing up for our rights also.

We are standing up against government agencies that are trying to take our public lands away from the people. They want to de-people some areas of our forests and designate a Monument of these lands.

We the people of Siskiyou County are fighting the unconstitutional moratorium on dredging in our rivers.

We do not agree with the map on redistricting Siskiyou County. It will divide our unity.

We the people of Siskiyou County do not want our County divided because it will destroy our united voices.

Pauline Cramer
Fort Jones

"United We Stand"

TO: 'CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION',

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**DEAR SIRs,
REGARDING REDISTRICTING AND SPLITTING SISKIYOU COUNTY,---
WE HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THE COAST AND HUMBOLT CO.**

SISKIYOU COUNTY

HUMBOLT COUNTY

**WE GROW MEAT, GRAINS, HAY
VEGETABLES AND FRUITS**

**THEY GROW AND EXPORT
MARIJUANA AND METHAM-
PHETAMINES**

**WE THIN AND CLEAN UP OUR
FORESTS AND KILL ANIMALS
ONLY FOR FOOD**

**THEY DON'T ALLOW THE
CLEANING AND THINNING
OF DIEING TREES- THEY DO
ALLOW TOTAL DESTRUCTION**

**WE PUT IN DAMS TO REGULATE
WATER IN OUR RIVERS TO SAVE
FISH & AND KEEP WATER RUNNING
ALL YEAR ROUND**

**BY FIRES AND DISEASE
INCLUDING FLORA & FAUNA
"Evironmentalists" they aint
THEY WANT TO TAKE OUT
THE DAMS-SO FISH WILL DIE
(THEY DON'T WALK OR FLY)**

**WE LIVE LESS THAN HOUR
OVER FROM THE OREGON
BORDER, FOR CULTURE
AND LARGE CITY SHOPPING
AND SAVE MONEY TOO**

**MULTIPLE MOUNTAIN RANGES
AND RIVERS SEPERATES WEST
ERN SISKIYOU COUNTY FROM
THE COAST-COSTING A FORTUNE
IN GAS & TRAVEL TIME. 5TO 8HR!**

**FURTHERMORE THE FACT THAT WE WERE NOT MADE AWARE OF THE
ONLY PUBLIC MEETING (HELD IN REDDING-100 MILES AWAY) UNTIL
AFTER THE FACT, REGARDING THE REDISTRICTING OF SISKIYOU CO.
PRETTY MUCH PROVES TO ME AND OTHER CITIZENS, OUR INPUT AND
REPRESENTATION DOES NOT COUNT.**

WE DEFINITLY FROWN ON UN-EQUAL RIGHTS.

**WE 'THE PEOPLE IN SISKIYOU COUNTY' DO USE AND COMPLY WITH THE
'CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTIONS' .**

LETS DO THE RIGHT THING FOR EVERY-ONE.

*Theresa Noyld
Etna, Calif 96057*

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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To Citizens Redistricting Comm.

For _____

I am a resident of Siskiyou County and am totally opposed to breaking Siskiyou County in half. There are several reasons. No. 1 we all share the same Hospital, School district, Sheriff Department, I could go on + on if you folks Extra Greenview Calabas go to the Western District it takes 5 hr. drive to get to Oregan, CA, for these folks. All that I have talked to are opposed to ~~the~~ separating them. We are a Farming + Timber County + have nothing in common with the West Coast. I Beg of you to be Fair and Hope you can come to Siskiyou County + see for yourself the problems it would create

Sincerely
Earl Golriz

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June 25, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to Redistricting Proposal for Siskiyou County

Dear Commission Members:

I am opposed to moving my part of Siskiyou County into the North Coast district.
This area does not have anything in common with the North Coast district.

Siskiyou County is a rural agricultural area and needs to remain that way.

Thank you for your assistance,

Dolores L. Tozier

HAROLD B. TOZIER RANCH

Mrs. Dolores L. Tozier

[REDACTED]
Fort Jones, CA 96032

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

RE: Proposed division of Siskiyou County

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We don't believe that the Commission heard from our Community, before the draft map lines were drawn. We were not informed about the "public input meetings"!

It would take us three hours forty-five minutes to go to a meeting in Eureka. We would have to drive over mountains and winding roads. (that is in good weather only, because Scott Mountain is closed much of the winter) The other route down Scott River Road is also a winding, narrow road (some places only one lane). It would take four hours 15 min. in good weather. The Klamath River road is two lane but is not safe during the wet, rainy, snowy, winters.

We don't go to the Coast to shop! If we go to the Coast it's for what you'd call a "vacation" not a weekly shopping trip. We travel to the Coast as tourists about once every five years, maybe!

When you are reconsidering your map for redistricting please keep in mind that we live in a farming, formerly logging and mining community. We have very little in common with the netting of fish as is done on the mouth of the Klamath and other areas on the river. We aren't allowed to fish up here on the rivers unless we were to catch and release. (Very different rules for the fisherman up the river)

Siskiyou County is a close community. We work closely ~~to~~ with our elected officials. They all take time to listen to us. We would not have a voice in the new proposed Congressional district. Our representatives come to meet with us here in our County or we can meet with them in Redding. (a two hour drive on a freeway)

Congressman Herger, Senator Nielson, and Assemblyman La Malfa work closely with us and listen to our voices.

Please reconsider your draft redistricting map that divides a close knit community.

We do not want our County divided!
We will not have a voice on political and

local matters in the proposed redistricting
area.

Please do not divide Siskiyou County,

Pauline Cramer
Fort Jones

REGION 9: SISKIYOU June 24, 2011

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Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

I am against your separating Siskiyou County into 2 separate voting districts, as the latest maps show.

My family moved from Williams, Calif. to Yuke in 1938 when I was 10 years old. I have lived here ever since and Love Yuke & surrounding area.

Siskiyou has always been a united County and we work together very well to keep our Historic Heritage alive and well.

To separate our voting district, as you have done is unacceptable to our citizens.

Our County of Siskiyou has nothing in common with the Coastal Region in Northern California that you want to put us into.

Our Lifestyle in the I-5 Corridor is completely different from the Coastal Region of Northern Calif. Different in Economics, Environment, Culture & Social Structure. We need to stay together as a County and not be divided into 2 different voting districts.

Also the Registrar of Voters would have to spend a lot of extra money, that Siskiyou County and State of Calif. are short of in order to change the

ballots for 2 separate Voting
Districts.

There have been no public
meetings by the Redistricting
Commission here in Siskiyou
County. All meetings are
held in Counties to the
south of us. I believe
you should include Siskiyou
County in your Public
meetings. We should have
a say in the Process.

Commissioners, PLEASE
do not change our Voting
district. Please leave
it as it has been, a
County together for many
many years.

Thank you so much for
considering this information
and how I feel.

Sincerely,
Susan George

[REDACTED]
Yuba, Ca. 96097