

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Lake

**From:** Victoria Brandon <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/17/2011 2:43 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Victoria Brandon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: objection to draft Congressional district

Message Body:

As a citizen of Lake County, I was genuinely appalled to see the latest version of the draft Congressional District map prepared by the Commission. This map separates our county from our true geographic, economic, and social "community of interest," which is the North Coast/wine country/northern Coastal Range, and attaches us as an incongruent appendage to the Central Valley.

Please take a closer look at Lake County's characteristics and needs. True, we are a farming community, but our production is entirely in specialty crops, not commodity agriculture. The future prosperity of agriculture here depends on diversification, expansion of markets, and innovative value-added production: entirely different from the operative constraints in Colusa, Glenn, and other Sacramento Valley counties. Our growing identity as a premium wine-growing area is particularly important: signalling association with Napa County at the least, and preferably with Mendocino and parts of Sonoma Counties as well.

Lake County's future also requires the creative redevelopment of our attraction for visitors. Preservation of the natural beauty of the area, and maintenance of the health of our air and waters is essential to our well-being and prosperity. These considerations are of comparatively minor importance in the region to the east.

Furthermore the redistricting detaches Lake County from both of the urban centers (Santa Rosa and Ukiah) where most of our residents seek out goods and services that are not locally available.

We are anything but a natural fit in the region to which the Commission proposes to include us.

Redistricting along these lines would be particularly calamitous because as a small rural county our voice will always be of comparatively small account in any larger legislative district. Up to now we have been fortunate in this respect, not only by the happy accident of having elected leaders who are responsive to our needs, but -- much more important -- because our needs have coincided to a high degree with those of the larger district in which we have been included. Redistricting along the lines now proposed would completely abolish the congruence that is such a necessary component of true representation for our community.

My objections to the proposed Congressional redistricting also apply, to a diminished degree, to the proposed State Senatorial district, which does at least have the virtue of keeping us connected to Napa County.

The Commission's original recommendations were far far preferable to these revisions. I very strenuously recommend returning to them.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Lake

**From:** marta williams <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/17/2011 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: marta williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting nightmare

Message Body:

I live in Lake County and just saw what the Commission has done to us. We are a coastal, wine growing, northern tourist area, not part of the central valley. Our wine industry is expanding to equal that of Sonoma County and we should be associated with Napa, Mendocino and Sonoma. We are not a major agricultural crop area like the Valley.

We are more of a tourist area where people come to enjoy the nature that abounds in our area. We need to focus on tourism and on protecting nature, two things of little importance in the Valley.

I go to Santa Rosa and Ukiah to shop I never go to the Central Valley except to go to the airport. It is a two hour drive at minimum to get to any major shopping there.

Why would you put us with the Valley? We wont have anything in common in terms of needs and legislation and we will be totally outnumbered. As we are now we are well represented because we are with other areas that have the same needs and interests. . It makes no sense. Please please reconsider. Go back to the original recommendations .

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Lake

**From:** Tova Fry <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/17/2011 9:34 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tova Fry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Go Back to Original Proposal for NorCal

Message Body:

I am writing from Lake County. The latest version of the draft Congressional District map is very disturbing. It serves to separate Lake County from our true geographic, economic, and social community: the North Coast/wine country/northern Coastal Range. Instead it attaches us as an illogical appendage to the Central Valley.

Please review Lake County's characteristics and needs. True, we are a farming community, but our production is entirely in specialty crops, not commodity agriculture. The future prosperity of agriculture here depends on diversification, expansion of markets, and innovative value-added production: entirely different from the operative constraints in Colusa, Glenn, and other Sacramento Valley counties.

Lake County has a developing identity as a premium wine-growing area. It is particularly important to have association with Napa County at the least, and preferably with Mendocino and parts of Sonoma Counties as well.

Lake County's future also requires the creative redevelopment of our attraction for visitors. Preservation of the natural beauty of the area, and maintenance of the health of our air and waters is essential to our well-being and prosperity. These considerations are of comparatively minor importance in the region to the east.

In additions the redistricting detaches Lake County from both of the urban centers (Santa Rosa and Ukiah) where most of our residents shop, and, many of them work.

We are anything but a natural fit in the region to which the Commission proposes to attach us.

Redistricting along these lines would be particularly calamitous because as a small rural county our voice will always be of comparatively small account in any larger legislative district. Up to now we have been fortunate in this respect, not only by the happy accident of having elected leaders who are responsive to our needs, but -- much more important -- because our needs have coincided to a high degree with those of the larger district in which we have been included. Redistricting along the lines now proposed would completely abolish the congruence that is such a necessary component of true representation for our community.

The proposed State Senatorial district, which does at least have the virtue of keeping us connected to Napa County, again separates us from Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, where we are connected as discussed above.

The Commission's original recommendations were far more preferable to these revisions. I strongly request that you return to them.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Lake

**From:** Julie Ann Kreis <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/17/2011 10:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Julie Ann Kreis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting will be a disaster

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I have looked over the map of redistricting and I am alarmed to see that Lake County is going to be completely removed from its present geographical and political region. According to the redistricting we will be part of the Central Sacramento Valley and with the Farming districts between here and there.

I have lived in Lake County since 1978 and I know that the interests of Lake County are far removed from the central valley farmers. We have small family farms of many diverse crops and beyond that we are a wine producing region. We are connected to the wine tours to Calistoga and Napa. This redistricting would negatively impact our communities. I am completely against this redistricting.

The people of Lake County have long standing connections with the coast and the valley that lies between us and the coast. I literally go in that direction over the mountains several times a week. And I have even commuted to work in Santa Rosa-which is common for many people in Lake County. I also participate in functions in Santa Rosa, Ukiah and Healdsburg, such as music concerts, political affairs and educational opportunities. In contrast, I go to Sacramento once a year to visit a friend and I don't have any connection to that community.

Lake County has many people who have moved from the Bay area Valley and the North Coast to Lake County. Hence we have many of the same interests politically.

Please I implore you to eliminate/cancel this redistricting! It will hurt our communities and make us lose our voice in political and environmental matters that are important to us. We want to continue to be part of the community we are right now. Please listen to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Julie Ann Kreis

Michael E. Bailly (spouse)

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