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California's representation is unconstitutional

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To: James Seif [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 11:35 AM

Good Morning Mr. Seif,

Thank you for submitting your comments to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Your email has been forwarded to the Commissioners and will be posted on our website under the public comments section.

Sincerely,

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"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work!"

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 9:54 AM, James Seif <jseif49@gmail.com> wrote:

--Currently, California's population is just under 40 million, whose people are represented by 40 State Senators and 80 Assembly members. The same number of representatives that existed in 1862, when the total population was 416,460.

Prior to 1964, just about every county was represented by one Senator. Today, a California State Senator represents an average of one million people and each Assembly member, 500,000. Currently, 11 northern rural counties have one Senator whose vote is diluted by 15 Senators representing the single County of Los Angeles.

California's imbalance of representation ranks the worst on the list of 50 States. The small State of New Hampshire has 400 in their State House of Representatives, with a ratio of one representative for less than 3,500 people. They have 24 Senators or one for every 55,000. New Hampshire's ratio of balance closely models the representation CFR is seeking to accomplish here in California. If CFR is successful, this would be history in the making, not only for their 21 counties, but all of California's 58 counties and those in other states.

Claimant's state: "California's refusal to increase its levels of representation to reflect the exponential population growth is both arbitrary and unconstitutional."

I am demanding that the Commission bring this unconstitutional situation to the attention of the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly.

Please do your duty and make voting fair in California elections fair again.

Thanks for helping the citizens of California.

James Seif

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