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Dear Commissioners:

I am Gerald Cochran, a resident of Crescent City, California for the past 72 years. Since arriving here from the mid-east in 1948, I have always consider this area, Del Norte County as part of the north coast of California. I have been fortunate as to have served 36 years as the Elected County Assessor and appointed Veterans Service Officer for the county. In 2004, the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors appointed me as their representative on the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHT) and presently serve as the Board of Director's Second Vice President.

Our connection to the coast has been extensive not only as a member of the Golden Gate Bridge but also the Redwood Empire Association, Redwood National Park, California State Parks, International Service Organizations (Rotary) and a majority of our commerce.

Del Norte County chose to belong to the GGBHT in 1929 along with San Francisco, Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. The committee at the time sent 22 request for participation in forming the district to all the northern counties of California but only those mention above agreed to participate.

In addition to our connection to the coastal counties, the county was asked a few years ago, to join with the eastern counties of California to form the new State of Jefferson. The County of Del Norte residences soundly defeated that initiative.

Our connection is probably best described with Highway 101. Any connection to eastern California is made by traveling 150 miles through the State of Oregon or a 240 mile trip through Humboldt County to reach Interstate 5.

Sincerely,

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