Dear Redistricting Commission,

Until very recently, my family lived in beautiful Del Norte County for over a decade. We loved our coastal community and our neighbors along the northern California coast.

I am writing to urge you to keep Del Norte in the coastal district rather than redistricting the county to an eastern district. Del Norte County has two roads in and out of the county: Highway 101 links us to Humboldt County and other coastal counties to the south and then continues into Oregon. Highway 199 links us to Oregon. Those are the only paved roads in and out of the county. To get to any interior county, Del Norters have to either drive through Oregon or drive to Humboldt County first and then head inland. We are literally only connected to the rest of California via 101 along the coast.

It's not just geography that argues for keeping Del Norte with other coastal counties. We have similar economies and even linked economies -- farmers from Humboldt County sell at Del Norte farmers markets, for example. The concerns of the fishing industry cut across all coastal counties and none of the interior counties.

I could list countless similarities between the coastal counties, but truly, I think there is a single argument that should end any discussion of moving Del Norte to another district:

The Yurok Tribe is the largest California Indian tribe in terms of population. The Yurok Reservation is partly in Del Norte and partly in Humboldt. Yurok Tribal services are offered from Eureka to Crescent City. **Splitting the Yurok Reservation between two different Congressional and State legislature districts would compound the harm done to Northern California tribes for two centuries.** There is no compelling reason to split a Native Sovereign Nation in two.

Thank you,

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"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." -- James Baldwin