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To Whom It May Concern;

In full disclosure, I was a candidate for a position on the California Redistricting Commission. I was in the running to the point of selecting the 60 candidates submitted to the California Legislature for review. I consider it an honor to have competed and gotten as far as I did.

I live in the Sierra Foothills in Nevada County. One of the major reasons I competed for a position on the Commission was the lack of representation of Northern California on the 2010 Commission. On the 2010 Commission, a Commissioner from Esparto in Yolo County was the northernmost member of the Commission. That left all or parts of 22 counties and approximately 3 million citizens of California with no voice or representation in the redistricting process.

This was something I stressed to the applicant review panel during the selection process. Now, I find the first eight persons selected for the 2020 California Redistricting Commission, none of which reside north of Stockton in San Joaquin County. There is one candidate remaining who resides in Eureka in Humboldt County. There are no candidates remaining who reside east of the Coastal Range and north of the San Joaquin-Sacramento County line.

It is disappointing to find that 1/3 of the state's area will not be represented (again) in the redistricting process. It is additionally disappointing to have seen the applicant review panel's placing of importance of diversity on the Commission and then to have 1/3 of the state to be shut out in the redistricting process. It is puzzling to hear of the impetus on diversity and then see an ignoring of a large sector of the state's population in this process.

I understand this letter may be construed as sour grapes over not being selected for the Commission. It is more than that, it is a lack of equal representation to the people of Northern California. I would be happy to discuss this further with the applicant panel's representative, though I do not really expect a reply to this letter. I felt strongly about this slight to the residents of Northern California when I applied to the Commission and as I do now. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely;

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