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To whom it may concern:

Having two area codes within the same area is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. Doing this forces me to dial the area code when I am calling my next-door neighbor! It's called an "area" code for a reason: the code covers a specific geographical area! Giving two codes to one area defeats the purpose of area codes. What should be done is to use a cutoff point such as "the point of the mountain" (the Salt Lake/Utah County line) as a divider, and anything North of that stays 801, and anything South changes to 385.

I grew up in Bakersfield, California, and we had to change our area code. Growing up it was (805) but when numbers ran out for that code, our area was switched to (661). We kept our same 7-digit phone number and only the area code was changed. This makes MUCH more sense than having two area codes for one area.

Since new phone numbers for the 385 area code will not be used until March, there is still time to change the parameters for this new code and assign it to it's own area, not an area shared with the 801 code. Doing so would be a wise change on your part, and would make things much less confusing in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

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