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January 1, 2012 - Part 1**

Messages to the Commission		CD	LD	
01/01/2012	I am really disheartened about the blatant gerrymandering of our congressional districts to retain Rick Larsen at any cost. Especially since Rick can't even retain the respect and loyalty of his own staff. I am afraid the the cost is the integrity of our Redistricting Commission, its Commissioners and its whole process. In the words of Americans for Redistricting Reform, "The most recent redistricting cycle after the 2000 census saw unprecedented efforts to use redistricting for partisan purposes. First, technology made it possible to gerrymander with great precision. The result was that the 2002 election was less competitive than any post-redistricting election since 1962. Historically, ostredistricting elections have generally been more competitive, because the drawing of new lines mitigates incumbents' advantage by introducing them to a new group of voters. The 2000 round had the opposite effect." I am as political as they come. But, I am for fairness and competitiveness so that the voters can make and change their minds. It looks like we are back to court supervised redistricting again because these boys can't play fair again. More millions down the drain.			Douglas Kerley Lynnwood
01/01/2012	We appreciate your efforts to keep our Lincoln County community whole, but you should be aware that the 13th District is our last choice for a connection. We'll have a tough road to climb to find common interests from our communities in eastern Washington across the central basin. There are few if any existing ties of economy or environment, completely different land use issues, a few common water issues. We'll be an appendix, but we'll manage somehow if we have to. The only thing worse is splitting us between 13th and something else. The NW corner of Grant County that you've split off is a really bad idea. That entire area is a growing and consolidated industrial center and needs single representation with its communities of Ephrata, Soap Lake and Quincy. We'd still rather be 9th or 7th. We have ongoing ties with both regions that make us one community of interest.			Sue Lani Madsen Edwall
01/01/2012	Re: 15th LD On Dec 28 Foster made a proposal for the 15th LD. The map presented last night is seriously partisan. Selah was shifted from the 14th LD into the 15th LD. At whose request was this done? This change virtually guarantees our airways will be flooded with nasty anti-immigrant anti-Latino ads, paid for in part by insurance, home builders and super-PACs. The Foster map does not foist a nativist dispute on Yakima County. But, if you must push the 15th into Selah, please split the city and shift only the downtown area and the blocks to the south and east of downtown.	4	14	Eleanor Hungate Yakima

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01/01/2012	The compromise map released late New Year's Eve appears to include Selah and about half of Yakima in the 15th legislative district while the 14th now includes the Yakama Reservation, Klickitat, Skamania, and part of Clark Counties. Why didn't the redistricting commission just adjust boundaries of the existing districts to address population increases instead of trying to change the entire demographic makeup of these districts? As many as 100,000 voters are being moved to different districts instead of approximately 11,000 required to equalize the population of these two districts!	4	15	John Pickens Zillah
01/01/2012	Dear Chairman Powell, Commissioners Ceis, Gorton, Huff, and Foster, and your dedicated staff, Thank you for your continued hard work on this VERY IMPORTANT project. I understand how difficult a task this is and appreciate your responsiveness to all who are taking the time to offer suggestions. The legislative proposal put forward tonight for LD 12 (Chelan/Douglas/parts of Okanogan and Grant Counties) will provide a better opportunity for representation of its citizens than previous drafts. I encourage you to maintain at least this portion of the 12/31/11 LD Plan. I will look forward to hearing from and seeing your other proposals tomorrow. Karen Keleman, E Wenatchee	4	12	Karen L. Keleman East Wenatchee