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12/30/2011	If Douglas county is to be split then it would better serve the people of this area if it were split with the City of East Wenatchee and the greater East Wenatchee area (Zip Code 98802) and Rock Island staying with Chelan County. This area is basically one community, the Greater Wenatchee Area. It does not become rural Douglas County until you have left this area. This whole area has similar concerns quite different from the rest of Douglas County. Thank You.	4	12	Karen Barrow East Wenatchee WA
12/30/2011	Re-Redistricting Pasco would be one more blow to a community already up against many tough problems. Please show you have some idea of the challenges the people you work for are trying to over come. NO on re-redistricting Pasco.	4	8	Roy Mccoskey Pasco School District Pasco WA
12/30/2011	First of all, that you for all of your work with the redistricting of Washington State. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that you not split the city of Pasco and Franklin County. Locally this would be very negative for our community and the citizens of Pasco would greatly appreciate your support with our needs. Thank you.	4	16	Kenneth Flynn Pasco School District Pasco WA
12/30/2011	Please do not break up Pasco,WA as it will hurt our community and the students we see everyday.			
12/30/2011	Please DO NOT split Pasco and Franklin County; area residents will suffer negative outcomes for a 10-year period! This is an error in judgment that is preventable!			Chris Martinson Pasco WA
12/30/2011	I wish to amend a comment on the legislative redistricting plan that I sent earlier this week. I failed to notice the detail in Commissioner Foster's proposal that places a portion of east Pasco in the 16th District. Thus, I cannot support either legislative redistricting proposal currently on the table. I believe it is detrimental to the City of Pasco (as expressed by both the mayor and the city council) and to the Pasco School District for the city to be split between two legislative districts.	4	16	William T Pennell Pasco
12/30/2011	Be Non-partisan in redistricting. Keep it simple and fair to all of the residents in the various districts, not to political party.	5	6	Tom Virnig Spokane WA
12/30/2011	Madam Chair, I live in the 9th legislative district, we also farm and I would like to remain in a district that shares my interests.	5	9	Jay Cronk Valleyford WA
12/30/2011	Do not split pasco... The challenges with serving the community are difficult enough for our voice to be heard... The voice will be silent if it's split!			

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12/30/2011	Please do not redistrict Franklin County!			Valerie Aragon Pasco
12/30/2011	Neither of the proposed plans are acceptable to Pasco because they split the community. Pasco deserves to be in one legislative district. It is extremely disappointing that Pasco is treated in a manner which is contrary to the wishes of the citizens and clearly not in their best interests. I understand that you must balance population, but use other options to balance the population numbers in more rural areas that are not as defined as one unit, like the community and City of Pasco. We are counting on the Commission to do the right thing.	4	16	Sandra Hill Pasco
12/30/2011	As a teacher in the Pasco School District, I feel that our district should stay one legislative district not spilt into two. It would hinder both our educational goals for our community and the future of our community as a whole.		16	Malorie Clark Kennewick
12/30/2011	I support the Ceis-Foster proposal.	5	6	Richard H Dauphin Spokane
12/30/2011	Keep Douglas Co. in tact -- or at least the greater population of the East Wenatchee region with Chelan Co., as the greater Wenatchee Valley is really one community.	4	12	Donna Wendt
12/30/2011	Re-districting should take a logical approach, using streets as natural boundaries, and ensuring all constituents are represented in the various districts. The Huff map appears to artificially create boundaries to carve out various demographics and political affiliations, which creates homogenous districts not representing the bi-partisan and diverse nature of Spokane County.	5	6	Doreen Fox Kelsey Spokane

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12/30/2011	<p>Good Morning Members of the Redistricting Commission. For the record, my name is Erin Peterschick. I am a native Spokaneite. I currently reside in Browne's Addition and work in the Airway Heights area. I have also worked in Medical Lake. As an active member of my community, I come into contact with a number of people from all over the Greater Spokane area, whether through my volunteer work and service on local organizational boards, my efforts to patronize local business, or engaging as an active citizen and voter in matters of public policy that are important to me, my family, and the community I care about. For your consideration, I wanted to share some brief points with you regarding the redistricting maps proposed for the Spokane area: *Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney interests and values are best voiced in a legislative district that is wholly captured in the confines of the Spokane County Borders. *That is why I support only splitting Spokane County into 4 districts versus 5. This makes a great deal more sense for our community in Spokane to ensure the interests of all Spokane working families and citizens are most accurately and truly represented in Olympia. * To settle for a map, like Commissioner Huff proposed, seems to blatantly disregard the bi-partisan make-up of the suburban parts of Spokane County. * Moreover, the recent Commissioner Huff map does not seem to take into account using streets as boundaries in a logical manner in several of the Spokane legislative districts. *Finally, the proposed Commissioner Huff map goes too far in fracturing the representation for Spokane and Spokane County which is not in the best interest of the constituents of the City of Spokane or Spokane County. I sincerely hope you'll take my comments as a Spokane native, resident, and community member into account when deliberating the proposed districts for Spokane. I am happy to answer any questions or be of assistance should you need additional information. Thank you for your time and hard work on this important issue.</p>	5	3	Erin J. Peterschick Spokane
12/30/2011	Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney should be included in the 6th District as both the recent Foster plan and initial Ceis plan propose.	1	6	
12/30/2011	we strongly oppose the politicizing of the redistricting that is being proposed by Huff. This is not democracy, and we expect the Redistricting Commission to do its duty, and pick a map that logically makes sense.		6	

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12/30/2011	I recommend using the Foster plan redistrict. It makes much better sense to me as the best way to give the most people representation for their area's activities and interests.	5	3	DOROTHY M SPOERHASE Spokane

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12/30/2011	Is this just another ploy to get Eastern Washington to support more of Western Washington!!!! We don't want it! We need our own representation on this side of the state and not someone from Auburn representing us! If we wanted to be in that district, we'd move there!!!! If they raise a tax over on the coast, are we going to have to pay more from here to support them! I SAY "NO"!!! Enough already!!!!	4		Pamela Henshaw Cle Elum
12/30/2011	As Mayor of the City of Airway Heights, I recommend keeping the city under representation in the seventh legislative district. The Foster proposal will separate the city.	5	7	Mayor Patrick D Rushing City of Airway Heights Aireway Heights
12/30/2011	As Mayor of the City of Airway Heights, I believe that the Foster plan divides our City as it was for years. The cities of Airway Heights, Cheney and Medical Lake have been working on a West Plains Coalition of Cities so that we can work our legislative issues together. By having the same representative to work closely with, we can reduce any confusion through the "grapevine" effect. If it is not possible to redraw the lines, at least leave the city of Airway Heights represented by one legislator. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Patrick D. Rushing Mayor City of Airway Heights	5	7	Mayor Patrick D Rushing City of Airway Heights Aireway Heights
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12/30/2011	WSRC members, I would encourage the members to consider city and county boundaries in drawing your boundary lines. Specifically, for South King County, I do believe it would be a hardship and less beneficial to include the precinct(s) located in the city of Milton to fall within the City of Federal Way and the precinct(s) located in South King County to fall into Pierce County jurisdiction. The costs associated with meeting county voters information and ballots from differing counties in these tough economic times needs to be well considered before your final ruling. Where cities are concerned, the interests of the population within the city borders need to be important considerations in your deliberations. City voters need to be able to vote for city officials and state legislators that impact their areas.	9	30	Roger G. Flygare Federal Way

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12/30/2011	<p>Joanna Cullen Please ensure that all of Seattle is in one congressional district. I live at 21st and E. Union in Seattle's Central Area and have found that the emphasis of placing all minorities into one legislative district troubling where it is not honoring geographic nearness and access and divides neighborhoods. This usually dilutes the influence those groups could exert in more than one district while at the same time creating barriers for those who are trying to advocate for their neighborhoods and schools. Dividing neighborhoods hurts the neighborhoods where people live. The Central District and area of Seattle betewen E. Madison and I 90 represents some of the oldest residential neighborhoods of Seattle and should be included in the District that represents most of Seattle. For instance Seattle schools, transportation, roads, air have both State and Federal issues and should be left whole in order to advocate as one. No, minority populations should not be divided in a way that purposely splits naturally concentrated neighborhoods and geographic areas. However, dividing the neighborhoods they are in and not honoring boundaries that allow for easy access to other parts the same district creates barriers for all to participate and advocate for their streets, schools, transportation, public safety, and much more. Please as you draw the Congressional lines and Washington State Legislative Districts please remember these points. I hope that part of your mission is to do the best you can for all the citizens of this state. I have not had time recently to follow all of the details, however, I hope you will carefully consider as part of your mission to fairly give all neighborhoods and areas a fair hearing. Tthis is the first time that Seattle's core has been split where natural transportation routes, and neighborhoods are split and are also split off from a central portion of the city. I don't believe that this will serve anyone well. I predict that if this happens Adam Smith will be reelected anyway, and we will loose our connection to the rest of Seattle. Since we will be in a District with less of a Seattle focus, what is good for a Seattle constituency will be easier to ignore.</p>	7	37	Joanna Cullen Seattle

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12/30/2011	The proposed new 8th district is very large, and crosses the Cascades. This is a significant change from the current 8th district boundaries. This proposal is not compact, and there is little logic to grouping suburban King County with Chelan and Kittitas counties. There are few shared interests with this grouping. East and South King County is suburban, and most residents commute to Auburn, Kent, Renton, Bellevue or Seattle to work. The issues and concerns of this King County population are very different from those of communities in Chelan and Kittitas Counties. Areas of King County located east of I-5 and north of the Pierce County line should be placed entirely within a single congressional district, and no portion of King County should be grouped with Kittitas or Chelan counties.	8		
12/30/2011	This plan is ludicrous as it completely disenfranchises both the people of SE Seattle and the people of Mercer Island and Bellevue. The demographics of these two areas are diametrically opposed as one area is relatively poor and the other is relatively prosperous. All you are doing is setting up a conflict within the district.	4	10	
12/30/2011	I am the Mayor of the Town of Rockford which is located in the northeast corner of Leg Dist 9. We are a rural farming community and fit in well with the existing district 9 boundaries which predominantly consists of an agricultural economic base. Our representatives and senator also are from geographical agricultural areas which helps them understand our needs. Please keep the district lines as they are now as they work for this part of Eastern Washington.	5	9	Micki Harnois Town of Rockford Rockford WA
12/30/2011	Keep as much of the current 9th Legislative District as possible. The smaller towns and farming country have a lot in common. My precinct in Spokane County, 9005, is in the farming acreage that is about 10 miles south of the main part of Spokane. The south part of this county is not "city" oriented. Please consider leaving us as we are now. Thank you.	5	9	Ruth Ryan Spokane
12/30/2011	I would respectfully request that the Commission revise the proposed dividing line between District 9 and District 8. I live in the Lake Meridian area of Kent. If you extend the current boundary line in District 9 that -- roughly -- follows the Soos Creek Trail and end it at Kent-Kangley (Hwy 516), my neighborhood would be included in the new 9th district along with most of my long time friends and neighbors. It is a natural affinity and SHOULD not be broken up.	8	47	Carol Vass Kent

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12/30/2011	Leave Beacon Hill in District 7 with the rest of Seattle	7	Michal Bryc Seattle

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12/30/2011	<p>I have been following the proposals for re-districting in the Spokane area. I object to throwing the entire southern half of Spokane County out of the 9th. We are rural and heavily dependent on agriculture, making us similar to Whitman County. We have been ably represented by people closely associated with the ag industry who understand our needs. I fully realize that some of the 9th must be realigned because of changes in the 3rd, 4th, and 6th, but cutting so deeply into the ag base is not reasonable.</p>		<p>Robin Meenach Valleyford WA 99036 9th District Voter hrpigmee@asisna.com</p>

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12/30/2011	The Huff proposal is obviously politically motivated, and we are incensed that this could be happening in our state. We wholly expect that your commission will do what is right.			Shirley and Larry Grossman emacap@comcast.net
12/30/2011	I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THIS MAP HAS BEEN DRAWN TO PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF THE VANCOUVER WA AND CAMAS AREAS FROM HAVING EFFECTIVE DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION, AND INSTEAD IS GERRYMANDERED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT FOX-BOT, JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER VOTING IN OUR PLACE, ALL THE WHILE REPRESENTING THE REAL ESTATE AND HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRIES. THIS IS A DISGRACE TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON. YOU PEOPLE HAVE NOT KEPT YOUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE. I mean really folks - this state went for Dukakis in '84 - it is so overwhelmingly Democratic that this is a joke in the political world.			John M. Kowalski, Ph.D Camas WA mumonjmk@gmail.com
12/30/2011	I feel that the map that the Democrats have in place is the more logical choose. It makes the district lines make more sense by using normal streets and it lets the districts more reflect the issues that affect them. The issues that the city need are different than the rural county.			Mr. Melvin Neil hoghead@icehouse.net
12/30/2011	The 6th Legislative District, my District, as proposed initially by Commissioner Ceis initially seems to best incorporate logical boundaries especially as it pertains to using streets as major borders.			Cheri A. Moore Spokane WA
12/30/2011	I want the commission to keep the 6th district within the bpindaries of Spokane County - do not fracture it. Currently it is best suited to represent the bipartisan interests of the residents. It is also logical in terms of using the major streets as the proposed new boundaries. Please support Commisioner Ceis's recommendation to develop 4 not 5 districts.			Barbara Girshick Spokane WA

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12/30/2011	Please do NOT Redistrict and split up the city of Pasco!		John Wallwork JWallwork@psd1.org
12/30/2011	I live in the portion of Douglas County that is not currently scheduled to be moved to the new district. I would much prefer to remain with my compatriots in the cities Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, rather than being divided out. I am one block/street away from this boundary line. Please keep all of Douglas County together in one district, preferably the new district with Reichert..		Clare Meyette East Wenatchee WA iamajourneywoman@yahoo.com
12/29/2011	The proposed split of Lincoln County makes no sense! Lincoln County contains less than 2% of the state's population. It makes no sense to divide this county. Splitting Lincoln County along Hwy 2 splits four out of the seven incorporated towns roughly in half, including the county seat, roughly in half, along with their respective school and fire districts. Reducing the number of cities and other municipal jurisdictions split by boundaries was a stated goal of the Commission. Splitting low density rural counties between legislative districts makes it difficult for local citizens to stay meaningfully involved - too few people, too many miles, too many meetings. While Lincoln County shares some economic, cultural and social ties with each of its neighboring counties, it shares the least with the counties of the proposed Huff 13th District. A 13th legislative district stretching from Reardan to Roslyn would be difficult for anyone to represent well. While Lincoln County may only be a pawn in the larger discussion, we deserve the same respect as any other minority group. We are clearly a "community of interest.		Shelley Sieverkropp Creston WA ssiever@gmail.com

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12/29/2011	The 6th Legislative District as proposed initially by Commissioner Ceis initially seems to best incorporate logical boundaries especially as it pertains to using streets as major borders. Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney should be included in the 6th District as both the recent Foster plan and initial Ceis plan propose. Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney interests and values are best voiced in a legislative district that is wholly captured in the confines of the Spokane County Borders. I support only splitting Spokane County into 4 districts versus 5. This makes a great deal more sense for our community in Spokane to ensure our interests are most truly represented in Olympia. To settle for a map, like Commissioner Huff proposed, seems to blatantly disregard the bi-partisan make-up of the suburban parts of Spokane County. The recent Commissioner Huff map does not seem to take into account using streets as boundaries in a logical manner in several of the Spokane legislative districts. The Commissioner Huff map goes too far in fracturing the representation for Spokane and Spokane County which is not in the best interest of the constituents of the City of Spokane or Spokane County.		Gary Swartz garysfamily2@yahoo.com
12/29/2011	With only a few days to go until your constitutional mandate to finalize a plan for redistricting, the commission needs to create a true minority-majority legislative district in Eastern Washington. A plan that creates a district that is only marginally minority-majority will not truly represent the interests of the Hispanic population of Eastern Washington. This is a true community of interest and it deserves a seat a the legislative table. I urge the commission not to create a token minority-majority district with a minority population just barely over 50% and instead create a minority-majority district that has a real likelihood of electing members of color to the state legislature.		David Anderson Seattle WA Former Eastern WA Resident iulawboy@gmail.com>
12/29/2011	Where is District #1, John Koster's district???? I don't understand why you guys "district out" our Representatives from underneath our feet. John Koster is MY County Councilman -- and for you to take him and put him in another district other than his "hometown district" is just not right. It's PLAIN NOT RIGHT and it's NOT FAIR!!!		Virginia Schloredt vaschloredt@whidbey.net

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12/29/2011	I live in an area 10 miles north of the I-90 referred to as Green Bluff. The residents here work in Spokane, shop in Spokane, go to church in Spokane, obtain their health care in Spokane and send their children to schools in the Mead School District. I attended the meeting you held here in Spokane at the Spokane Falls Community College, listened to the testimony and recognized that there was a very simple fix to adjust the numbers for Legislative Districts 3, 4 and 6. Our suggestions left the legislative districts similar to what they are presently with the 4th giving up a few western precincts to the 3rd to balance out the numbers. Likewise very little needed to be done to adjust the 6th. Why you have decided to totally redraw the districts is beyond our comprehension. The proposal you have come up with is ludicrous - especially as it pertains to the 4th District. Speaking for those of us in the 4th that now appear to be in the 7th - how does this represent the citizens? We have NOTHING in common with the 7th - described as sparsely populated with concerns about wolves and other predators. Do what the citizens requested at the local meeting. Your results indicate you have absolutely no understanding of this area and therefore should not be entitled to make these types of decisions that we - the citizens you are supposed to be working for - would be forced to live with for the next ten years. The 4th does not need to be so drastically changed. Please reconsider your plan.		Cecily Wright cecily@dreammakers.net
12/29/2011	In regards to the recent plan to join Wenatchee into the 8th district my husband and I strongly object. As well as many of our friends and family from our area. The eastern portion of the State of Washington has little voice in anything that happens here as it is. This would appear to be another attempt to silence us further. The Census Bureau did not do an accurate job surveying our area as I alone received 3 forms to fill out at the time. A suspicious maneuver in itself. Perhaps another name for the Census should be Acorn. To include Wenatchee in this redistricting would certainly buy the Westsider's the minority vote for the 2012 election. But you continue to make blanket decisions that do nothing to help this agricultural area. It is suppose to be a representative government. Wenatchee and Bellevue have completely different needs. Our numbers are very small by comparison. Although your intentions may be good, what kind of representation can this redistricting bring for our city?		Rob and Stefani Johnson kandu10@msn.com

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12/29/2011	I live in Chattaroy, about a dozen miles north of Spokane. I have nothing in common with the current district #7, which is the barely developed region north of Spokane County. All of my business and social affiliations are in the Spokane City and Valley area. There certainly has to be a more appropriate way to do this than carving off the northern end of the Spokane metro area and casting us away from the rest of the county. I would certainly hope that you are paying attention to what the citizens of this area want. We may live on the east side of the state, but we also deserve consideration. I retired back here after pursuing a career that took me to other parts of the U.S. I brought my retirement checks and investments back here to the benefit of the state and the county. Did I make a mistake? I am irritated! We should continue to be part of the 4th District!		Glen R. Larson PCO Precinct 4002 wullyweather@earthlink.net
12/29/2011	I recently saw a proposed map that takes the 9th legislative district from Spokane County. This is a terrible idea. The 9th district has been in Spokane for over 20 years. The rural area of Spokane county contains a considerable amount of agriculture lands that are more economically in line with the rural 9th district. They don't have the same economy as the small business that supports the large populations of Spokane in and ad itself. Part of redistricting is to consider economic issues and this is a major issue. Please reconsider removing the plan calling for The 9th district to be purged from Spokane county. The areas in and around Spangle are counting on you to represent their rural interests and not combine them with the non agricultural base of Spokane county.		Jon Wyss jwyss@jonwyss.com
12/29/2011	What kind of BS is this? We are continuously having these garbage lines shoved down our throats by neo cons like Slade Gordon. Its obvious the goal of these party-first bozos is to maintain control of this floundering ship for a few more cycles. Hope you have quality pdfs. If redistricting was done in a proper manner the party and the local populace would, at a grass roots level, be able to make real corrections to this broken system. The REAL public needs to be listened to on the matter. Oh well, with these idiots running redistricting, it won't take long for the coming collapse to occur. Therefore, relinquishing control back to the local populace, who is truly capable, and has the desire, to correct the destruction of this once great republic. So c'mon and put the inevitable in fast forward so we can get started on taking back what we've worked for these past several years. You cannot stop the RiGHT with your wrong approach.		Joe Collins pco 4415 Spokane WA collinsconst@comcast.net



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12/29/2011	Since we, in Whatcom County, at the south end of Lake Whatcom, appear to have ended up in District 2, we are sure we have joined a Gerry-mandered district. How can anyone say this is good representation? How can you take Sedro Woolley and not Mt. Vernon? How can you take Glenhaven and Woodinville and have any sense of good government? This is a farce! The idea of straight lines and neighborhood representation is long gone!		Karen and Allan MacKay 1025 esley Park Drive Sedro Woolley, WA
12/29/2011	I'm pretty sure I've made my comments clear, starting with in person testimony at the one hearing held within a 100 miles of my house and continuing on the web broadcasts. My frustration spilled into my blog tonight, Text and link below: Redistricting - Mind Over Maps (http://blog.seattlepi.com/forthright/2011/12/29/redistricting-mind-over-maps/) There has been an organized effort throughout the redistricting process to push for a majority minority district. To do so requires the crudest of racial profiling, and is counter to everything Dr. Martin Luther King hoped for when he longed for the day when his children would "not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." It ignores the success of Washington politicians like Governor Gary Locke, Spokane Mayor James Chase and King County Executive Ron Sims. Instead of encouraging one Washington, it asks us to focus on clan loyalty. Is there still discrimination based on skin color? Yes, unfortunately, but diminishing with each generation. Will encouraging clan identification and physical separation help to reduce it? No, it will keep it alive. We've seen how loyalty to clan over country works to divide and destroy in Afghanistan, Yugoslavia and Iraq. Let's find a different pattern to emulate. Legislative districts should reflect communities of interest tied to key features of economy and environment, with constantly changing social makeup as a lesser factor. But if the Commissioners have their hearts set on creating a majority minority district, I've got one to suggest - mine. Here are the characteristics of my minority group: ?		Sue Lani Madsen suelani@centurylink.net

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12/29/2011	<p>People primarily of a single ethnic group, many only one two generations past English as a second language with immigrant roots as refugees from war and conflict. ? Economically stunted communities, an average population growth rate since statehood dramatically below the overall state average, with some neighborhoods experiencing negative growth as people have migrated out due to loss of economic opportunity. ? Constitutes less than 1% of the state's total population and less than 40% of a legislative district, yet has always been split between districts and failed to consistently gain representation from within the group . . . Oh wait, there have been people from this minority group elected to the legislature in the past and present, maybe a minority group doesn't have to be geographically ghettoized to participate in state politics. Maybe it's a matter of eliminating the barriers in the mind and less worrying about lines on a map. We need to focus on changing hearts and minds. Redrawing maps won't do it. The minority group I'm referring to is the six counties that make up the majority of the Palouse country - Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln and Whitman. We are economically, environmentally and culturally a community of interest, but we are used to being treated like the Kurds when the European powers divided up the Ottoman Empire. We'll manage, we always do. For each of these six rural counties, I've been advocating to the Redistricting Commission that whatever district we are assigned to make the numbers balance out, please don't split any small rural county into two legislative districts. So what does the December 29th map show? Lincoln County divided along Highway 2, splitting in half four out of seven incorporated towns, ten precincts, five school districts, four fire districts, and one hospital district. A third of our county would be in the 7th District, which stretches north to the Canadian border. The remainder would be in the 13th District, whose western boundary would be Snoqualmie Pass. If you wanted to discourage a minority group from participating in politics, this is how you would do it. The kindest and most printable local reaction has been "are they out of their ever lovin' minds?" Maybe. We'll see what happens when the Redistricting Commission finalizes maps this weekend.</p>		
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	I am G. Derek Policani a resident of Cheney, WA. I have just received news that consideration is being given to reassign 9A to a different Legislative District. I would like to inform you that I do not wish to see any adjustment to this District's boundaries or a realignment to another Legislative District out side of Spokane County for what I see as being only for political reasons. It is imperative that 9A remains aligned to Spokane County due to the mix of both City and Rural residents that depend on the provided representation from the current mix of elected officials that know their constituents and their needs. To disrupt this high quality representation mix would not, in my opinion, meet the current or future needs of this District's voters.			G. Derek Policani 508 Short Street Cheney WA 99004 derekcom57@yahoo.com
12/29/2011	As a property owner in Wenatchee we highly object to the new redistricting proposals. We on the east side of the state have always had very little influence in the decisions that are made in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. These three counties as you very well know, basically guide the state in policy. We do NOT want to be included in the new 8th district and and feel that by having a representative that is living in King county, he/she will not care, know, or understand the needs and wishes of Chelan, Kittitas, or Douglas county. The ruse suggested by Mr. Gorton that this will increase the republican base in the new 8th district is ludicrous. I want local representation by local people. To put it mildly, my wife and are are furious about this misguided proposal, and reject it wholeheartedly.			Keith and Noelle Morris Wenatchee WA kmorris45@wavecable.com
12/29/2011	I am opposed to the redistricting of Spokane County Legislative Districts as proposed thus far. I believe the interests of the County are best served by keeping the LD boundaries as close as possible to their current configuration. I live in the north part of the 6th LD, and according to the most current map, I will be redistricted to the 7th. The 7th is a rural district and I firmly believe it should remain that way. Adding the north part of the 6th to the 7th radically changes the characteristics of the 7th. I think it is much more prudent to keep the north suburban area of the 6th in the 6th. I also am concerned with your plans for the 9th LD. I believe the needs of the citizens is best served by keeping the 9th in Spokane County. Please seriously consider the input you receive from the citizens of Eastern Washington, and keep our LDs as close as possible to their current configuration.			John Christina State Committeeman Spokane County Republican Party jcgotrox@yahoo.com

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12/29/2011	I am writing to plead Sunnyside's case against redistricting our community into the 9th district. This move makes no sense to me and essentially blinds us to current events. I've been a business owner in Sunnyside for the last 29 years and everything we do is connected to Yakima and the upper valley. We are 35 miles from Yakima and 45 miles from the Tri Cities. That extra ten miles is a huge difference. We do not associate ourselves with Benton or Franklin Counties, or any of the communities there. All of our outside business services come from "up" the valley and not the Tri Cities. Our telephone support, office supplies, sign companies, and advertising, to name a few, come out of Yakima. Personal service contractors such as dry wallers, insulators, asphalt companies, and carpenters, all come out of Toppenish and Yakima. Furthermore, our businesses are different in the valley from the Tri Cities area. Our agricultural commodities are mostly different and our agricultural practices are mostly different from the Tri Cities. We never get services from the Tri Cities. It is only ten miles further to the Tri Cities, but the climate, topography, population, agricultural practices, court system, news sources, and general business routine are all different to us. Maybe even indifferent. We are connected to Yakima and the upper valley much more so than we are Benton or Franklin counties and so our representation should be aligned with Yakima county as well. We barely receive the Tri City news or radio stations and they just don't cover our area. If we want current events coverage, the Yakima newspapers, radio, and television stations are our only choice. Why would the state seek to put our residents into a district where the residents are not fully represented and would have a difficult time getting news on political current events? Surely you are not looking to create uniformed voters. I may not have expressed myself well and I am not the most informed person concerning re-districting. I just barely heard about this suggestion and found it discouraging enough to write. The Sunnyside area is as unattached to the Tri Cities as we are to Seattle. It might look like we are close on a map, but that isn't how we live our lives or operate our businesses.			Nate Bridges CPA Sunnyside WA
12/29/2011	I work part-time in Milton, Washington. I think that having Milton have representation by two different districts doesn't provide the unity needed by the city to function cohesively.	8	47	Auburn
12/29/2011	Dear Commission Chair, I am a resident of Milton, WA and would respectfully submit that our small city would be better served if not divided into separate districts. Sincerely, Andrew T. Miller	9	25	Andrew T. Miller Milton

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12/29/2011	Comment from Spokane County Auditor Legislative Districts Administratively, the number of legislative districts (either 4 or 5) is not a significant challenge. We have accommodated 5 legislative districts for many years. We can readily continue to accommodate 5 districts if that is necessary to create the best representation for communities of interest. The more important factors in administering the legislative districts are shape, size and similarity of voters served. Both maps use these three factors to create a compact and uniform 3rd Legislative District, primarily because that area is densely populated with closely related community interests. The rest of the county, however, is a challenge due to two significant characteristics. First, the disparity of interest among the densely populated areas of the central metropolitan area, the isolated population centers of the smaller cities/towns and the sparsely populated rural areas in Spokane County causes difficulty in creating districts that have shared interests. Second, there is a historical division of interest between the two densely populated areas: the City of Spokane and the Valley (City of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, Millwood). I sincerely hope that the Commissioners will be able to reach consensus and form districts that incorporate the requirements of the law while also respecting the diversity of interests that are present in Spokane County.	5	4	Vicky M Dalton Spokane County Auditor
12/29/2011	Milton needs to be in One district. We also need to be with other cities that face the same issues as we do such as being on the I-5 corridor.	9	30	Debra Perry Mayor of Milton
12/29/2011				Debra Perry Mayor of Milton
12/29/2011	To keep Milton together, preferably to stay in the 25th. (Residents for 41 years)		25	Jon and Krista Linden Milton

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12/29/2011	<p>Carol Paul, Lincoln County Legislative districting As I look at commissioner Huff's redistricting plan, I am trying to figure out how it meets any of the commission's criteria by dividing Lincoln County along highway 2. The southern portion of this plan drags a person 195 miles from one end to the other for a 3+ hour's driving time through country with which the Eastern end has very little in common socially, economically and culturally with the western end. The plan also not only divides towns in half, but also school districts, fire districts, commissioner districts and other municipal jurisdictions. We have a low population density. Considering we are already outnumbered in Olympia, it seems as though we are being discriminated against in that it would be nearly impossible for anyone to well represent us when it is much more convenient for politicians to listen only to the people closest to Olympia. Splitting our population makes it very difficult for our citizens to be engaged in the political process. Is the Ballard community lobbying for a Scandinavian district? In listening to the comments regarding Hispanic representation, I think creating districts that give special advantages to a segment of the population based on skin color or country of origin is very regressive. We are never going to be a color blind country as long as government continues to draw distinctions. I should think that minority peoples would be offended by government pandering, but since some members of the redistricting commission are bent on creating a minority majority district, I think Lincoln, Adams and Grant Counties could be one district of persons of German, Russian, Scandinavian descent. It is getting down to the wire. It is time to start drawing districts based on common sense and the criteria you professed rather than on points on a graph. As with so many things, it works well on paper, but not in real life. Do not divide Lincoln County. Put us entirely in the 7th, 9th or wherever, but don't hack us up. Carol Paul, Lincoln County</p>	5	7 Carol Paul Edwall

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