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12/31/2011	The 6th Legislative District as proposed by Commissioner Ceis appears to incorporate logical boundaries using streets as major borders as opposed to Commissioner Huff's proposal which blatantly disregards the bi-partisan make-up of the suburban parts of Spokane County. Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney should be included in the 6th District as both the recent Foster plan and updated Ceis plan propose. Our interests and values are best voiced in a district that is wholly captured in the confines of the Spokane County Borders and I, therefore, support only splitting Spokane County into 4 districts rather than 5. This will help ensure our interests are most accurately represented in Olympia. Thank you for considering my input.			Bonnie Mager 15220 W. Dairyview Lane Cheney, WA 99004
12/31/2011	One of the stated goals of the Commission was to reduce the number of cities and other municipal jurisdictions split by legislative boundaries. By drawing a line down Hwy 2 in Lincoln County you have split four out of the seven incorporated towns in the county roughly in half, along with their respective school and fire districts. Please consider the following points: ? 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."			Knute and Lynn Hernas klhernas@centurytel.net

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12/31/2011	Please do not split rural Lincoln County along highway 2. It seperates towns that do not need to be split. We need all the population of these towns to be successful! Another plan must be possible. Give it a try please.			Jim Baye Edwall WA
12/31/2011	I just read a comment by Dan Palmeri stating that the south hill of Spokane should be combined with Puyallup I think he means the Palouse. I live on the South Hill and we have very little in common with the Palouse or Puyallup. We are an urban area and the Palouse is an agricultural area.			Mary Ann and Roger Bosky 4001 S Lloyd Rd Spokane, WA 99223
12/31/2011	It seems that the party of greed wants to control everything. They claim to be god fearing but don't want the common people have a voice. Big money wants total control. In their bible is a reference to this belief. Should they actually read and believe it.	5	6	
12/31/2011	Follow the law. I am sure it has nothing in it about race, creed, or religious background. Being "Hispanic" does not make you a better or worse "Human". We all have a value system and should be treated equally by any law or redistricting.	4	14	Marty Sable US Army National Guard (Retired) Moxee
12/31/2011	More thoughts regarding the Huff vs Ceis Proposals: One of the stated goals of the Commission was to reduce the number of cities and other municipal jurisdictions split by legislative boundaries. By drawing a line down Hwy 2 in Lincoln County you have split four out of the seven incorporated towns in the county roughly in half, along with their respective school and fire districts. Please consider the following points: 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. A 13th legislative district stretching from Reardan to Roslyn would be difficult for anyone to represent well. The Ceis Proposal makes much more sense. 4. 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."	5	7	Dr. Knute Hernas Davenport

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12/31/2011	The 6th Legislative District as proposed 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 updated 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.	5	6	Dylan Ekins Spokane
12/31/2011	It certainly would be nice to identify the final map with each one of the ten district boundaries identified.	9	29	Susanne Marten Tacoma

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12/31/2011	It seems to make sense to me to keep like groups of people together so that they are actually represented. The Huff Spokane County map for the state legislature seems stretch to create more Republican strength in previously Democratic districts. Further, the sixth district should not wander all over. It is also true that the 5th congressional district map tries to group rural voters with urban voters to to keep the 5th as a Republican District, however, the urban voters have essentially lost their vote, hardly an acceptable outcome.	5	6	Ken Mewhinney Spokane
12/31/2011	I am a constituent in the 31st it has been brought to my attention that everything north of 416th is going into 5th district. I have an opinion about this. I have no affiliation with Issaquah or Maple Valley. I am a realtor in Enumclaw, my husband has a construction company that we manage from Enumclaw on our 40 acre farm. I am on the planning commission for the City of Enumclaw. The City of Enumclaw is my district. I understand that it is state law that you need to keep communities whole when redistricting. This will not be the case if you use 416th as the boundry. I am advocating to keep everything from the green river south which is a natural boundary in the 31st district. If this doesn't happen tonight I would hope you would let the Supreme Court make the decision.	8	31	Lori McDonald Enumclaw
12/31/2011	As the Republican nominee in the 1st CD for 2006 and 2008, I am very concerned about how badly you neglected the 1st CD. You have chosen any population concentration anywhere in the District and as an open seat there is no reasonable way to mount a campaign that takes everyone else's leftovers. There is no media to advertise in and the demographics are horrible. At least consider putting Sammamish and Issaquah into the 1st to give a population base and keep Arlington north in the 2nd.	1	48	Larry W. Ishmael Redmond

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12/31/2011	I thank the commission for listening to the persons who testified at the hearing in Bremerton for the new boundaries. I heartily approve of what has been proposed in Bremerton and Kitsap Counties, and hope it is passed as-is.			Adam C. Brockus, PE Bremerton City Councilman, District 3