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12/31/2011	I am one citizen of the state concerned that the Congressional redistricting plan will make seats (with the exception of the 1st) less competitive rather than more. The commission is protecting incumbents and the claim of the two major parties to specific seats, but should those be the highest priorities? I realize that the commission's task is a difficult one and I appreciate the efforts of its members, but the plan will likely be one more small step in the polarizing of our national politics.	1	23	Lawrence Holland Bainbridge Island



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12/31/2011	<p>I was quite troubled by the conversation among the Commission just now. I have several find several problems with pulling the 30th Legislative District down into Pierce County. 1. It goes against the RCW, which states that dividing districts between counties should be minimized. By extending the 30th LD into Pierce the Commission would be doubling the number of districts that cross the King-Pierce boundary, not minimizing the number. The 31st LD already crosses this boundary and if the cities of Milton and Pierce are to be kept intact, they should be in the 31st LD. 2. The Commission would be inconsistent in applying this standard. Already on the north end of the 30th LD the district divides the city of Des Moines for the total of only 2 precincts. This was done to not displace a legislator, Tracy Eide. Yet, at the south end of the district the Commission is apparently not prepared to divide a city, with only 1 precinct - 831 people in Milton in King, 92 people in Pacific in Pierce - to preserve the county line - and also the status quo. Extending into Pierce county would not even have the rationale of preserving a legislator, as all 30th LD legislators live in King County. 3. The Commission, in my mind, would be giving too great a deference to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Milton. Myself and several others have recommended that the county line should be preserved. Crossing the boundary, especially for so little population, places undue burden on organizations, particularly political ones. As a member of the Executive Board for the 30th LD Democrats I know that this would require that an additional 4 members Executive Board to represent Pierce County, but they would have to be found among that very small population in Pierce - about 6500 people. Also, as an organization we are required to donate funds to King County Democrats; by putting us in Pierce County we'd have to do the same for them. They recommended that the 30th LD be extended into SW Auburn as I have recommended twice at your meetings. 4. The Commission would be going against the recommendations of King County that also requested that the 30th LD not be extended into Pierce County. I assume that their complaints had to do with causing unnecessary burden during elections, which would require double the coordination with Pierce county for elections for not only the 31st LD, but also the 30th. If the Commission desires to keep the cities of Milton and Pacific intact then they should reside in the 31st LD. Doing so would result in the same level of displacement of population in the 25th LD as extending the 30th LD into Pierce would do.</p>	9	30	Richard D. Champion Federal Way

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12/31/2011	I live in the 3rd Legislative District and the 6th Congressional District, Spokane. Here are my comments: The 6th Legislative District as proposed by Commissioner Cei's 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 Cei's plan propose. Their 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. 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. 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 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. Thank you for giving my comments careful consideration.	6	3	Mary M. Carr Spokane
12/31/2011	In my mind, a proposal which breaks a community into different districts should never even find a place at the table. I strongly urge you to dismiss from consideration any plan which would split Pasco.			Anne DeHaven Pasco
12/31/2011	I live just outside Cheney in Spokane County. I previously lived in the City of Spokane for 18 years. Without any doubt, Cheney and its environs are much more correctly linked to Spokane County and the City of Spokane. I emphatically believe the Cheney area should be included in the Sixth Legislative District, and not the Ninth Legislative District. Cheney's main business is a university that is co-located in Cheney and the City of Spokane! These two locations (Cheney and the City of Spokane) must be part of the same legislative district. I feel totally disenfranchised in the Ninth District. They only care to represent those involved in agriculture.	5	9	Judith Beamer Cheney

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12/31/2011	Regarding the Gorton-Ceis congressional plan: The 1st district is so radically different that it's absurd. You combine some Seattle suburbs with a huge swath of of rural western Washington, which makes no sense. In doing so you've done the eastern Seattle suburbs a disservice by splitting them into 3 districts: the 9th, 8th and 1st. You've got Bellevue and Mercer Island in the 9th, Issaquah and Sammamish in the 8th and Kirkland and Redmond in the 1st. These communities contained much of the state's growth in the decade. They should be together in 1 district or at the worst in 2 districts.	7	46	Dave Bradlee Seattle
12/31/2011	My gawd. what were you thinking with this redistricting of Issaquah to go to eastern WA just to save the position of a non starter, non creative, non constructive regressive person like Dave Reichert. He has most of district 8 identifying with him as it is...we don't need to be in Cle Elem or Ellensburg OR Wenatchee. What is the matter with you dolts. You betrayed us. Trying to make the state more regressive, eh wot. Electoral votes, right. So send in Slick Slade and get the job done. How egregious and stupid are you people. Did the republican Sam Reed plant weak people to try to negotiate with Gorton. I can not believe this. It is outrageous and it is not just. Granted you care not a whit ...but my gawd. In my life time I will not be represented. Reichert signed Norquist's pledge, is dumber than a stump and makes my skin crawl. He also "votes the way John wants him too". He will no doubt vote the insidious way Cantor want s him too also. Not an original thought in his head. I expected a stellar committee...obviously that wasn't going to be. Wow, what egregious outcomes. I would think you would want to have pride in your work. You must have been very fearful of Issaquah. To save a position like this. We will have another Doc or Cathy forever. Congrats. You not only should not take pride in this stupidity, you should be ashamed. You obviously don't know the districts. Putting North Issy in district one also shows that you didn't give much thought to anything but making sure that the Regressives were taking over...or the Tea Party. Good luck..you have taken a stellar state and suited Gorton's purpose. There are no words. I am stunned. I will of course, not vote because there is no point and I am sure that is the plan...You have fixed us forever. Jesus Christ wouldn't' have a chance in Reichert's new district. I hope he feels like the carpet bagger that he will be.			sally montgomery

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