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Messages to the Commission		CD	LD
12/16/2011	Please do not embarrass yourselves and the fine State of Washington by failing to do the job you were asked to do. I carried petitions to establish the commission and I am very disappointed to hear that the commission is just two political parties squabbling. King County was able to redistrict and they are bigger than some states! The Machinists Union and Boeing came to a contract agreement! Don't forget, in your partisan differences, that you are not chiseling something in stone, it will change again in 10 years.		Becky Cox 15725 25th SW Burien WA 98166 cgcox@nwlinc.com
12/16/2011	I am writing as an individual taxpayer and voting citizen to ask that you timely complete your work so that the decision of drawing the new district boundaries does not default to the Washington Supreme Court Justices. To date, the process has been very open and has been easy for members of the public to follow. I hope that you honor Washington's history as a leader in fair redistricting process by completing this project timely and fairly. Although I personally believe that more work is needed to refine the maps, this is something that your committee – not the supreme court – should accomplish. Please continue to work at this process and deliver districts that are competitive and that keep communities together. Additionally, putting communities with similar interests into a district would be appropriate. For Bellevue, that means not putting us in a district that includes South Seattle. Bellevue has more in common with Renton, Issaquah, Newcastle, Redmond, Sammamish, and even North Bend, Preston or Maple Valley than we do with South Seattle, when look at through the lenses of community goals, infrastructure needs, inter-connectedness in transportation, utilities (like Cascade), major industries (like high-tech, professional services, etc.), school boundaries, etc. Although we share the same "region" with S. Seattle, we are not a cohesive community. The Eastside, however, is more of a cohesive community. The Eastside should not be blended with the Westside into a new congressional district. Regardless of outcome, this is your task and I wish you the best of luck in completing the work that we citizens have entrusted to you. Happy Holidays!		Jennifer Robertson Bellevue WA 98006 jsrobertson@comcast.net

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12/16/2011	It appears that the City of Monroe will be redistricted from the more urban District 2 to a new district that will include much of the rural portions of the state. This is a disservice to Monroe, which has been trying very hard to move into the 21st Century. Yes, it would be one of the smaller cities in the new district, but it appears that gerrymandering will force this town into a Republican congressional district, just as it is in the state legislature. Monroe should be in the same district as Snohomish and Everett, not in a district that goes from the Canadian border to Pierce and Kittitas counties. It's bad enough that we will have to suffer a Wal-Mart in town – I cannot imagine having to deal with a reactionary Republican Congressman simply to make a Republican district in Western Washington.			Stephen Lawton AFAB Media Services WA sl@afab.com 425-341-3390
12/16/2011	The arm of district 46 that picks up population from Lake Forest Park and Kenmore is awkward. Though I understand that you are trying to make districts with minimal splitting of municipalities, I think that pairing LFP with Eastern Shoreline would make a district with similar interests, more so than your proposed 46th.	7	46	Anonymous 6849 51st Ave NE Seattle WA 98115
12/16/2011	When resolving the 2 maps, there is overlap between of the 30th and 31st LD's. I noticed from the comments that Senator Gorton considered the fact that Rep. Asay is former mayor of Milton so they added the rest of Milton to the 30th. A legislator's former constituency should not be a consideration when drawing Legislative Districts for the next 10 years. Crossing county lines, by law, should be minimized and by adding the rest of Milton and Pacific to the 30th it needlessly crosses the King-Pierce county for the grand total of about 10,000 or less people. There is no need for this. IF it is strongly desired to keep Milton and Pacific whole, they should be put in the 31st LD and then the 31st LD should be the only King-Pierce county. There need not be 2, when there can easily be 1. Also, I sadly see that the Kelso communities in the Kelso school district, including Ostrander, Rose Valley, and Carrolls are again put in a seperate LD (now the 20th) from the people they go to school with (who are in the 19th) and have the same postal code with. They are members of the Longview/Kelso community and should have a say in its representation. Perhaps you could concede to Senator Gorton's interest in putting all of Lewis County into the 20th, while moving those Kelso communities into the 19th with the rest of Longview/Kelso where they belong.	9	30	Richard Champion 104 SW 332nd St #1405 Kelso WA 98023 richard.champion@gmail.com 206-724-1506

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12/16/2011	I'm concerned about the population deviations on Commissioners Ceis and Gorton's plan being distinctly positive, leading to almost an extra 400 people in the north-sound districts. Commissioners Foster and Huff are only at +37 total, but if they made their East Side + Clark County line at the perfect equilibrium point, the leftover King/Pierce district is going to be at -431 population, surely not meeting the federal requirement of having districts as equal in population as is practicable.	3	20	Van Anderson Packwood WA 98361 vanisaac@hotmail.com
12/16/2011	Great. You have a tentative plan (questionable) that relies on peoples' ability to have internet and google earth. That's one way to have your plans go unchecked. Politics as usual in Washington. Screw the voters!!!			
12/16/2011	Neither of these legislative plans honor "communities of interest". Where I reside in the east portion of Burien, I have little comon interest with the people of Kent and yet both maps place me in the 33 District. I am very disappointed.	7	11	Don Bennett 14240 8th S Burien bennettdonebe@aol.com
12/15/2011	I strongly recommend NOT changing the boundaries of the 24th Legislative district. None of the plans presented takes into consideration the logical relationships that currently exist and that would be severely altered. Geographical areas ought not be separated artificially. Leave well enough alone.	6	24	Peter Bonyun 657 Crutcher Rd Port Townsend WA 98368 peternbeth@gmail.com (360)385-7800
12/13/2011	How are you? I was wondering have you read my email letter? I want to say that the City of Spokane should not be put into another rural district. The people of Spokane have real urban problems and our rural centered representatives have no interest in helping us solve our urban problems. You can help us.			Barney L. Larson barney.larson@gmail.com

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12/08/2011	<p>I live in Sprague, WA. I can not support the proposed change that places any part of Lincoln County in the 13th LD. We are not part of the Basin economy. Rather vast majority of our political and economic ties are bound to the Spokane Region - we do not see our economics nor politics are represented by the issues in the Columbia Basin. Keep all of Lincoln County in the 7th LD. A district that runs from the Yakima Vally to the East Side of Lincoln County would be a logistical nightmare for constituents. (Are these guys out of their ever loving minds.) Re: Congressional Districts. Any proposal that keeps 'all' of Lincoln County in the 5th CD is acceptable. Tom Huff's Proposal is completely unacceptable. (Frankly he has to be Bat S__t crazy to make the proposals he has. His proposal do not appear rational or connected.) Slade Gorton's proposal is the most rational followed by Foster, then Ceis. Huff is an idiot - clearly doesn't know the first thing about the East side of the State (who let that guy get on the redistricting committee?).</p>	5	7	<p>Dean Ruud Self Employeed 104 E 5th St Sprague WA 99032 deanruud@centurytel.net 509-863-7451</p>
12/08/2011	<p>Following up on my earlier messages I and other Council members in Sammamish wanted to follow up with you and reiterate our interest in keeping Sammamish whole in one district in the redistricting plans - as stated as the objectives of the Commission. In addition to the other representatives who have written the Commission on behalf of Sammamish I met with Rep Larry Springer yesterday who also supports Sammamish being in one district. I understand the redistricting exercise is coming to a close soon and would appreciate being kept abreast of how it proceeds.</p>			<p>Ramiro valderrama Sammamish WA rvalderr2001@yahoo.com</p>

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