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Honorable Redistricting Committee Members:

Thank you for coming to Tacoma and taking input from the people. I'm Larry Killion of the 6th Congressional District (presently), the 5th Pierce County District, and the 29th Legislative District. I moved to Tacoma in 1955 as a military dependent. Dad retired out of Ft. Lewis in 1959 and I graduated from Clover Park High in 1962 and served my tour of duty in the Army after that. I am a retired public servant after 25 years in the Maintenance Department of Pierce Transit and I Pastor a small independent local congregation in Parkland.

I attended the Tacoma Forum tonight and thought that it was interesting what people had to say. Norm Dicks helped my wife get her naturalized U.S. Citizenship back in 1978 and we were thankful for that but honestly, it does not matter to me one way or the other what District I am in. My vote is still my vote. It seemed to me that most of the comments tonight were a little off the mark. I kept hearing people of color this and people of color that but beloved, we are all people of color. When it comes to redistricting, that is not an issue. Please remember the main purpose of your task. There are two main things that are to be used for redistricting criteria and they are geography and unadulterated colorblind population numbers. If a comment comes from a special interest group spokesman, smile, nod your head, say thank you and move on to the next input. Please don't let this task you have been charged with turn into a political opportunity for anyone, whether they are partisan red, blue or even some ethnic color of your choice.

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