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As a lifelong resident of south Seattle (i.e. 37th Legislative District) and former State Representative (4 terms, 37th District), I urge you, in your recommendations to redrawing boundaries of congressional districts, to craft a 10th District to include South Seattle, primarily comprising the 11th and 37th Legislative Districts. I am well aware of the historical mapping of dividing communities of color. I am advocating for a more concentrated district which would provide a stronger collective voice in matters concerning the district, including it's representation.

I ask your support in maintaining the current demographic configurations of the 11th and 37th Districts. Knowing that we have legislators directly accountable to constituents residing in the most diverse district(s) in the state has served us well.

I regret not testifying in person tonight due to family commitments and thank you for consideration of my personal recommendations.

Respectfully,

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