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Washington State Redistricting Commission  
P.O. Box 40948  
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RE: Redistricting Plans

Dear Commissioners Powel, Gorton, Ceis, Foster & Huff:

I am writing today, on behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley, to comment on the proposed redistricting plans that have been made available by the commission.

The City of Sedro-Woolley was redistricted into the 39<sup>th</sup> legislative district following the 2000 U.S. Census. In the past decade, we have found this district to be a good fit for our community because Sedro-Woolley is similarly situated and shares similar concerns with other cities in the 39<sup>th</sup>. As you move forward toward a final plan, please keep the City of Sedro-Woolley in the 39<sup>th</sup> legislative district.

In reviewing the congressional plans, I notice that district options have been presented which would bifurcate Skagit County. On an initial review, this seems scary for our community, however, following more thoughtful consideration, the City is open to and supportive of a redistricting plan that includes two congressional districts in Skagit County. Our county has been well served by three legislative districts and I believe the addition of a new congressional representative would only strengthen our representation in federal matters.

Good luck with your final plan and thank you for considering the position of the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Mike Anderson, Mayor