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Washington State Redistricting Commission
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Subject: Redistricting of state legislative and congressional boundaries

Dear Commission members:

The City of Marysville has reviewed the Redistricting Commission's proposals for redistricting of state legislative and congressional boundaries. We submit the following comments regarding those proposals:

State Legislative Plan. Marysville remains interested in consolidating our current legislative districts with respect to our city limits. Ideally we would like to be unified within a single district. The City is currently located in four legislative districts-38th, 44th, 10th and 39th. Commissioner Ceis' and Commissioner Foster's proposals would result in Marysville being in either one or two districts. In Commissioner Ceis' proposal, Marysville would be entirely within the 38th District. In Commissioner Foster's proposal, Marysville would be split between the 38th and 44th Districts. Either proposal would meet our goals. The City also submitted a proposal for redistricting that resulted in Marysville being entirely within the 44th legislative district. Marysville is closely aligned on regional issues with the 38th and 44th Districts, so we would prefer to remain in one or both of these districts. They are more representative of urban areas. Marysville is a city of 60,030 residents, and as a result, very representative of urban issues and priorities. The 10th and 39th Districts are more representative of lower density residential, rural and agricultural interests.

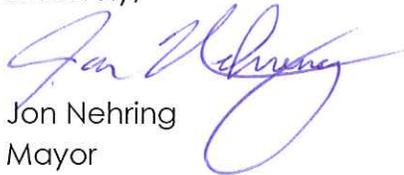
Federal Congressional Plan. We have also reviewed the congressional district proposals. We ask the Commissioners to retain us in District 2. Again, our request is based on Marysville's alignment with the Everett urban area as opposed to lesser density rural environments. Commissioner Ceis' and Commissioner Gorton's plans

depict Marysville in District 2. These are the plans that we believe are in the best interests of representation for the Marysville community. Placing us in a more rural district would result in the voices of our 60,030 residents being diminished through the drawing of political boundaries.

In conclusion, we would appreciate the Commission's support in consolidating the city of Marysville into either one or both of the 44th and 38th legislative districts. We ask that your final plans reflect the alignment of our community with the Everett urban area and retain Marysville within the 2nd Congressional District boundary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Nehring
Mayor

cc: Marysville City Council