

June 13, 2011

Members of the Committee, Madam Chairman; Good evening.

My name is Jamie Walker; I am a resident of Kirkland, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I am a Republican Precinct Committee Officer and this evening represent only myself and the opinions of the many people to whom I have spoken about redistricting, but no other organization or body.

*Alma Mater, Seattle, Multi ethnic, Racial, Bel. Family*

A month ago, at the Bellevue Redistricting meeting, I suggested to you that it was time to end the illogical configuration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, which joins, across a large body of water, two highly different constituencies with very different lifestyles, demographics, concerns and political desires insofar as their representation in Congress is concerned. As you will recall, the sentiment was echoed by an almost unanimous majority of those present in the room.

In the time that has passed between that meeting and this, I was not surprised by the number of people that have either personally and or electronically endorsed this idea. Separating the east and west sides of Puget Sound into their respective areas is an idea that transcends the concerns of party, race, ethnicity, and level of income. And the comments I've received have, like the straw poll, been heavily in favor of division.

Simply, Puget Sound is a logical boarder between the two population centers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. The continuance of the configuration as-is, fails common sense. The good people on both side of Puget Sound deserve representation in Congress that is uniform and single-mindedly in line with their concerns (at least as is politically possible); not someone whose time and attention are likewise divided.

Respectfully, I and the many people who have voiced similar opinions, request that the committee redraw the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District to establish a district that logically associates people by the commonality of their geographic location and culture.

Thank you for your time and attention.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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Facts: Seattle Pop: 563,374      1s CD Pop: 654,904

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*\*Astroling Tonight*

*What's not about Social Justice. Marco Sore/Post of it is.*

*if we don't learn the lessons of old*  
*Compact convenient contiguous*  
*(Disagree w. Mayor Hordchick) 8/1*  
*Walls come in all shapes*  
*E PLURIBUS UNUM*

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