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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

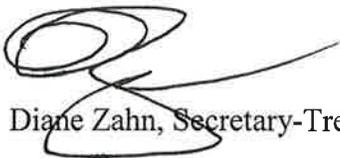
UFCW 21 urges the commission to draw Washington's Congressional and legislative districts according to the "Unity Maps" proposed by the United for Fair Representation coalition which include the creation of a new 10th Congressional district in south King County and legislative districts in King, Pierce and Yakima counties that are made up of a majority of people of color.

UFCW 21 is the largest private-sector union in Washington, with over 38,000 members across Washington State working in grocery store, retail, health care, food processing and other industry jobs. Many of our members are immigrants and people of color. Our union includes members from Latino, African American, Asian, Russian and many more ethnic communities. Our workplaces truly represent the changing demographics of Washington State.

Our mission as a union is to fight for economic, political and social justice in our workplaces and in our communities. In order to achieve this justice we continually strive to ensure that our members have a voice and a seat at the table. Achieving this justice requires that our members have fair representation not only in their workplace and at the bargaining table, but also in the statehouse and Congress.

We know that when our members feel like they truly have a voice in the democratic process, they are eager to become civically engaged. However, too often the major issues and needs of their communities are not adequately represented. A majority people of color district in South King County will best allow our members in the area to have their voice heard in Congress. We urge you to accept the United for Fair Representation's "Unity Maps" and begin the process of establishing true democracy for all the communities in Washington State.

Sincerely,



Diane Zahn, Secretary-Treasurer