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Washington State Redistricting Commission
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Gentlemen and Ms. Powell:

Thank you for allowing local communities to participate in this very important redistricting effort.

On behalf of the City of Hoquiam I would like to urge that we remain within Congressman Norm Dicks' 6th District.

As a political science student at the University of Washington I recall one of my professors telling us that at its foundation, the legislative process involves the distribution of advantage and disadvantage. My experience in local government while serving in Aberdeen and now in Hoquiam has proved that observation to be true. Rural communities like ours are easily left behind when funding priorities and effort are being considered. As a consequence, it is particularly important that our representation in the sometimes bare knuckles world of D.C. politics be first rate. Although I hate athletic metaphors, we must be represented by the "A" team if we are going to win those battles.

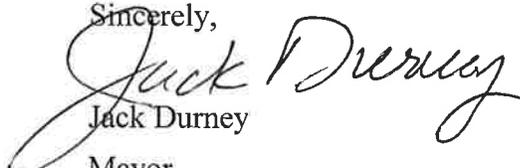
Congressman Norm Dicks and his staff are indeed the "A" team in Washington D.C. They have skillfully guided us through the federal funding and regulatory maze and have found ways to help fund projects that are crucial to diversification of the economy, preservation of the environment and wildlife areas, historic preservation, and social services.

For Hoquiam, meaningful funding assistance has involved helping the significant senior center remodeling, help with the preservation of our historic WPA-era Olympic Stadium (the nation's largest remaining grandstand) with seating for 8000 people, assistance with the interpretive center at our Bowerman Basin wildlife preserve, and funds to save a railroad bridge spanning the Hoquiam River that will allow development beyond to the west at Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 3.

His skillful assistance has helped enormously with economic development on our waterfront. The new freight corridor roadways, rail infrastructure, and probably most importantly the continued funding for dredging for deep draft vessels are key to our recovery. Our waterfront which in years past was full of plywood and other wood products mills and huge areas of logs stacked for export now serves a different purpose. While still exporting some logs, we are exporting over 20,000 Chryslers per year. Where a plywood mill once stood, we are manufacturing luxury Westport Yachts. AGP's expanded facilities are exporting soybean meal to the world and Westway's Terminals expanding bulk liquid storage facility and the adjacent Imperium Renewables biodiesel plant are further evidence of our continuing evolution.

Congressman Dicks has played a crucial role in all of this.

My sincere hope is that we will remain within his 6th District.

Sincerely,

Jack Durney
Mayor