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WASHINGTON STATE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
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Chairwoman Powell & Commission Members,

This correspondence is to provide input relating to the commission's evaluation of redistricting within the State of Washington. While we recognize that the U.S. Constitution requires that all states evaluate electoral district boundaries every ten years, I am requesting that as you receive testimony on this issue that you give great consideration of having Grays Harbor County remain undivided.

There is a culture in Grays Harbor County and my opinion is that keeping the County together as a whole would be in our citizen's best interest. We have a common culture and dividing the county geographically would serve no benefit.

In addition, I support the retaining of US Congressman Norm Dicks in our district. Congressman Dicks has been supportive of our Grays Harbor community in so many ways, specifically with economic development, job creation and retention. He has also served as Grays Harbor's voice in the other Washington and frankly, has served all of us in Washington State tremendously.

I thank you in advance for your time & consideration; and I wish you the very best as you contemplate what redistricting changes may be required in our great State. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vickie L. Raines". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Vickie L. Raines
Mayor