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Washington State Redistricting Commission
Attn: Ms. Lura J. Powell, Chair, and Commission Members
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Dear Chairwoman Powell and Commission Members:

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration of the redistricting process.

We agree with the majority of Commission proposals that continuation of the City of Everett as the anchor of the 2nd Congressional District is warranted. The City has served as the southern focus of the District for decades. City leaders have provided a seasoned, strong, and articulate voice in the 2nd Congressional District in matters of transportation, jobs, economic development, aerospace, high technology and major manufacturing.

Likewise, the City reflects the environmental, energy, education, arts and culture, health care, marine trade and commerce interests common throughout northwest Washington.

The City of Everett has become the focus in North Puget Sound for defense-related, U. S. Navy, military family and veterans' affairs matters.

These community interests are reflected in the focus, attention and priority given these concerns by our representatives; committee preferences; staff structure and funding opportunities. Regardless of party, the City of Everett has always maintained a collaborative, collegial and congenial relationship with our elected congressional representatives and members of their staffs.

The Commission appears to also agree that the City of Everett continue to be served primarily by the 38th State Legislative District with some peripheral representation from the 21st and 44th Legislative Districts.

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Everett City officials work collaboratively with all members of the Snohomish County Legislative delegation. The 38th and neighboring districts share common interests in employment, transportation, commerce, health care, education and government.

In summary, we recognize and appreciate the Commission's interest to preserve the City of Everett as the southern hub of the 2nd Congressional District and central core of the 38th Legislative District. Thank you for the time, effort and public outreach you have invested in this important work.

Sincerely,


Ray Stephanson
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Cc: Everett City Council