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Dear county or district official,

I am forwarding to you the 2010 Census data recently released to our State from the U.S. Census Bureau. These materials are provided to you for the purpose of redistricting your internal or director districts. Along with a summary file of the 2010 Census Redistricting Data, you will find a suite of PDF maps, and TIGER Line Shape files for your use in the process.

According to State law, (RCW 29A.76.010),

The Washington State Redistricting Commission is required to within forty-five days after receipt of ... census information ... forward the census information to each municipal corporation, county, and district charged with redistricting.

...It is the responsibility of each county, municipal corporation, and special purpose district with a governing body comprised of internal director, council, or commissioner districts ... to periodically redistrict its governmental unit, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

...No later than eight months after its receipt of ... census data, the governing body ... shall prepare a plan for redistricting its internal or director districts.

Enclosed are three discs with the data and maps prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau.

- 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File
- 2010 Census Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) TIGER/Line Shapefiles
- 2010 Census Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) PDF Map Suites

Also enclosed is a disc containing the population data in Excel, for your convenience.

When the task of redistricting is complete, the plans must be submitted to the County Auditor or Elections Director. If the city, town, or district lies in more than one county, the Secretary of State shall also be notified. School districts are also required to submit boundary changes to the Educational Service District Superintendent (RCW 28A.315.065).

A guidebook for redistricting was prepared last year to help the counties in Washington prepare for redistricting. A PDF version of this guide is available online from the Office of the Secretary of State at: http://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/RedistrictingGuide.pdf

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact either

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie Bunning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director

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