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Thank you Representatives of our great state for a moment to address you with my concern.

My name is Raeann McDonald and I am the Executive Director of Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community in Keizer Oregon. Our community has about 120 senior residents and 80 employees. We have used the services of both Marion County Fire District #1 and Keizer Fire District on many an occasion. As a business sitting in the heart of the Clearlake community we are opposed to the forced annexation proposed. We are extremely happy with the Emergency response and Fire service we have had for the past 40 years and have asked for no change. I have been in service of Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community for the past 20 years and I can tell you that in those 20 years we have had nothing but exemplary service from both districts, why would we want change?

So why are we here in the situation we are all facing today? Simply put, it's MONEY, it appears to me that it is the only gain.

The removal of money and resources from Marion County Fire District #1 and the gain of money and recourses to Keizer Fire District. One Fire District growing and one crippled for the others growth.

Let's look at the ripple that comes from throwing this rock

- Other Fire Districts around our state are watching to see how this all plays out and if growth for their Fire District can occur at the crippling of another District.
- The Clearlake community has to accept the voice of what others think is best for them not what they want.
- Marion County Fire District #1 will no longer have a strategically placed Fire station to respond to emergencies on the West Side of the railroad tracks to respond to rural or Clearlake calls as it does now.
- We allow the overall state of our economy to sacrifice our ethics and good will toward man one more time for monetary gain in hard times. Why not work together for the gain of all?

I can honestly say I don't care about the politics, it is the lives of my residents that motivates me and I know the service we have now is providing them amazing professional care and service by both Marion County Fire District #1 and Keizer Fire District as they serve us today. May I close thanking you for your time and consideration.

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