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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Chris Garrett
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE Room H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Garrett,

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 3455.

County service districts provide sewer, water, parks, and other services to communities around the state. The boundaries of these districts, however, do not always match the borders of the counties. Some districts are smaller than counties and others span multiple counties.

The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (or NCPRD) is one such example from my House District. The NCPRD covers two percent of the county's landmass, and serves one-third of the county's population. Residents of the Parks and Recreation District pay taxes to the district, and it is currently governed by the county commissioners, who are elected county-wide.

House Bill 3455 would allow residents of a county service district to form a governing body comprised of residents *from* their district. If residents can gather enough signatures, the voters will have a choice of whether to elect a board made up of people in the district – rather than outside the district, as is the case currently.

Greg Chaimov from Milwaukie will be testifying in support, also, and he will be able to answer any questions the committee might have.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Tomei
State Representative, District 41