

Co-Chairs Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record my name is Lisa Gilham-Luginbill and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am a resident of the Gateway District in NE Portland, which is located in House District 45, Senate District 23 and Congressional District 3. I have been a lifelong resident of the Portland Metropolitan Area, and have a deep level of familiarity and concern for the struggles it is enduring.

I've looked over the proposed maps and am, generally speaking, a supporter of House *and* Senate Map C. I know that redistricting is no easy feat, and I believe that you have all put forth some new district lines that are, for the most part, representative of our state's communities.

The maps you have proposed preserve the city limit boundaries of Maywood Park, and keep the Parkrose and Argay neighborhoods together. This will make room for residents of these areas to mobilize their communities to call for policies that represent their shared needs and values.

In addition, I believe that Map C's proposed House District 45 is contiguous and considers important transportation links -- keeping the I-84/I-205 junction at the heart of the district, giving my community access to two major interstates that would allow us to get to and from wherever we need to go with ease. The proposed House District 45 also retains some other major roads such as NE 122nd Ave, NE Sandy Blvd and NE Columbia Blvd -- each of which has a Trimet bus line to serve those who rely on public transportation.

Something else I'd like to highlight about Map C's proposed House District 45 and Senate District 24 is that they keep some important landmarks and spaces in our community. Some examples of this include the Portland International Airport, the Cascade Station shopping center, and both Rocky Butte *and* Powell Butte -- two important greenspaces where people can recreate and that are absolutely vital to establishing and sustaining healthy, thriving communities.

The biggest thing I'd like to highlight about the Congressional proposals is the way that Proposal B, for the most part, maintained Congressional District 3's status quo despite the fact that this part of our state has grown immensely over the last decade. While I respect and appreciate our state's rural communities, this map packs urban Oregonians into small Congressional Districts -- and legislators are supposed to represent people, not land.

We have heard plenty about an urban-rural divide in our state's politics, and I believe that these proposed boundaries only makes this worse by splitting us into Congressional Districts rigidly based on whether its respective community is urban or rural as opposed to giving us the opportunity to bridge this gap and come together as Oregonians. In Congressional Proposal A, there is significantly more opportunity for folks to come together.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some input on the maps you have proposed. I feel positively about the direction this decade's redistricting process is heading, and I hope you keep my thoughts in mind as you work to finalize your proposal. Do you have any questions for me?

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