

Good afternoon, Co-Chairs Taylor and Salinas, Vice Chairs, Knopp and Boshart-Davis, and members of the Redistricting committee,

My name is Alma, pronouns she / her/ hers.

I have lived in the city of Tigard Oregon for over 13 years. Which is part of Washington County, and my District is number 1.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to listen to us.

As a member of a large growing community, which is in my city, I would like to share my testimony of how we would like the changes of the new district to not affect our community but rather support us in making a fair and equitable changes in the creation of the new congressional district.

I would like to speak on a few things today. One, Throughout my years living in Tigard, I have seen many small and diverse businesses grow throughout the community which has not only been beneficial to the community but has also left a positive impact.

Secondly, education is very important to the community of Tigard. My children's school is a few minutes from my house, and I would like them to continue attending that same school, so as not to affect their education and social life. This is also very convenient, for us as parents of the Tigard/Tualatin school district, by not spending weekly on gas, which has been proven to be a factor of the climate crisis because of the harmful release of carbon dioxide into the air. Therefore, also benefiting our environment and keeping Oregon green and beautiful.

Thirdly, there are many children who use the bus and who would be affected by their transportation if the maps don't keep in mind the effect on school districts. Which would be very unfortunate and stressful for the students and children of our community.

That being said, and after listening to other friends and neighbors in my community about the proposed maps, I believe map A would be in best interest for the Tigard / Tualatin community. Otherwise, there will be an impact to our diverse and united community in which has been a home to a growing community of small businesses, schools, churches and more.

Hopefully, it stays as close as possible to what we already have that has kept our community together, safe and growing.

Once again, I thank you for your time and willingness to help us and take initiatives on this issue that concerns many of us.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be able to answer as briefly as possible or send you my answer via email.

Thank you.