

**Date:** 9/8/2021

**To:** House and Senate Interim Committees on Redistricting

**From:** Zach Lindahl, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

**Subject:** 2021 Redistricting Process

Dear House and Senate Interim Committees on Redistricting,

My name is Zach Lindahl and I am the Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is a nonpartisan organization that represents more than 750 businesses who provide more than 50,000 jobs in Washington County, Oregon.

Over the last decade, Oregon's population has grown by 10.6 percent, making us the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation. Washington County has grown even quicker, at a rate of 13.5 percent. This is very exciting for Washington County and the State of Oregon, as our home is becoming a more desirable place to live and conduct business.

With this growth comes the addition of a new Congressional seat in the US House of Representatives, as well as the redrawing of the State Senate and State House districts. Last week, we had the opportunity to see the proposed maps from the various committees tasked with outlining the new potential districts.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce recognizes a lot of time and energy has been spent in the redistricting process here in Oregon. As these committees consider the proposed maps and input from the community, we hope the actions taken remain fair, equitable and free of undue political influence. If this can be achieved, this would be a major victory for the citizens of the state of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Zach Lindahl

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Director of Public Policy and Government Relations