

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

My name is Chabre Vickers for the record, and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I live in House District 48, Senate District 24, and Congressional District 3. Four generations of my family have called Portland, Oregon home. I have grown up in NE Portland, raised my daughter here in Portland and have witnessed the changes and growth in our state over the years.

I came today to advocate for my community and my daughter. After looking over House Proposal B, I saw several issues. It doesn't make sense that my proposed district goes from Powell Blvd all the way down into Clackamas. These areas and communities feel very different.

Feeling like you are welcome and belong in an area you call home is important for all members of a community. I also think it's weird that Lents is cut out but Proposal B then includes areas to the north. This feels antithetical to how I engage in and navigate around my city.

On the other hand, I found House Map C's House District 48 to feel more like home. I currently work as the Vice President Community Development Officer for Wells Fargo here in Oregon and prior to my current role I worked at the PCC Southeast Campus at SE 82nd and Division as the Community Relations Manager. I have done a lot of work in and served the community here and this proposal puts me in a familiar community. I honor and appreciate the diversity that is found here.

Specifically in the Jade District where I worked in and with the community while at PCC. This neighborhood is vibrant, resilient and powerful when united.

When I purchased my home I was drawn to the Leach Botanical Gardens -- a point of pride for members of this community. I wanted to raise my daughter in a space where she would have daily access to the nature that Oregon offers.

Many friends and families of various backgrounds and identities in the area felt welcoming to me and my daughter. Living next to and being near other BIPOC folks who I hold near and dear has been so important during the pandemic.

I find similar problems with Map B's Senate District 24. This plan doesn't seem to make any sense for me and my family.

It cuts up entire thoroughways for how people move about and within the community, puts day-to-day activities through 3 or 4 different Senate Districts, and goes all the way from Sandy Blvd down to past Mt. Talbert, but then bifurcates Mt. Talbert itself. This misalignment feels intentional, and watching the lines zig in and out I ask - what is the reason? It makes me wonder who is being included or excluded in this proposed map?

Map C's Senate District 21 reveals a better understanding of how I move through my district, for example: the Woodstock and Foster-Powell corridors, where I stop to get a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza or grab a beer with a friend. This Senate District feels like it encompasses where I naturally choose to go to the store, for daily shopping trips and to the doctor's office.

Lastly, I wanted to talk about the Congressional Proposals. When adding a new district, it's important to start by considering where the population growth has been. Washington County and other SW suburbs have been the fastest growing so it makes sense that many of those individuals should be represented by the new district. That pushes other districts North, East, and West.

Congressional Proposal A cuts out key parts of N/NE Portland, which I don't love. But it also includes much of the recreational locations my family frequents, like Mt Hood National Forest for camping, and floating in the summer.

In addition it is inclusive of Warm Springs, and as a Black and Indigenous woman of Shoshone Bannock descent being able to advocate collectively is important. Seeing this acknowledged by way of congressional Proposal A feels deeply important to me and my family.

Congressional Map B, on the other hand, seems to put all of the Portland-area into one district. This fails to address how people are multifaceted and those who live in Portland are indeed connected to a multitude of areas.

I want to end by thanking you for your time and effort during this process.

I ask that you consider folks like my daughter and I, and my larger community while making decisions about where lines are drawn.

Thank you.