

September 9, 2021

Members of the Senate and House Redistricting Committee:

My name is Janet Steele, president of the Albany Area Chamber for 26 years, and a 26-year resident of Congressional District 5, Senate District 8, and House District 15. The majority of our members also live and work in these three districts.

These districts have included the cities of Albany, Millersburg, and Tangent for many years, and I see no reason to split us up in this redistricting effort. The residents of our three cities work, play, and shop in these three communities. They send their children to Albany Public Schools. All three cities are also in the same Albany Area MPO.

There are no real boundaries as one community flows into the other seamlessly, dividing us up is neither right nor fair. On behalf of the Albany Area Chamber's 510 members, representing over 20,000 employees I am asking that you keep our cities and school district legislative boundaries together.

We support:

Congressional District – Plan B Senate District – Plan B House District – Plan B

Sincerely,

Janet Steele President