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

My name is Brad Reed, my pronouns are he/him and I live in Milwaukie, Oregon. Proud to be represented by Senator Taylor, Representative Power, and I'm in Congressional District 5.

Thank you all for the incredible amount of work on such an unusual timeline to prepare the maps we are discussing today. No easy task.

Keeping in mind my community and neighbors-- and the opportunities, concerns, and spaces that connect us-- I'm here to support Congressional Plan A and Oregon Legislative Plan C.

On the Congressional Plan A, I've long considered it odd to have the same representation as folks as far away as the Oregon Coast here in CD 5. I love the coast, but our communities have different needs and are separated by distance, geography, and transportation access.

Map A groups my community in Clackamas together with our neighbors mostly East of the river in the Willamette Valley, Marion and Linn counties. Many times I've traveled I-5 and 99E to visit the wonderful communities in our three counties with their farmers' markets, breweries, beautiful natural areas, and you-pick farms for berries, pumpkins and Christmas Trees.

To Oregon Legislative Plan C, I see our House District will change from 41 to 40. As someone who just celebrated my 41st birthday, I can appreciate rolling that number back by one. But in all seriousness, our immediate communities of Milwaukie and Oak Grove remain grouped together in Plan C in both the Oregon House and Senate, as they should be. All my neighbors along 99E and Highway 224 will remain in the same districts.

The Plan C maps overall seem to best reflect the growing and changing communities all over Oregon, and represent a step forward for representation of marginalized Oregonians, who must be given a fair say in the future of those districts and our state.

Once again, thanks so much for your work on this important issue.

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