

House Co-Chairs Salinas, Boshart-Davis, Senate Chair Taylor and Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record my name is Debbie Cabrales, I live in Woodburn and have lived here for the past 25 years. I love my community, I love the fact that our schools are bilingual and bicultural, which means that when my son starts school, he will be able to communicate in his first language, which is Spanish. Bilingualism and bicultural are a big part of Woodburn, which is what makes it so unique. I love how whenever I run to the grocery store, I know that I will run into my family and other people who look like me, speak the same language and work like me.

As a community, we have supported one another to grow an economy that creates an environment where small businesses can thrive. The connection between the community and these small businesses are unique and are important to me.

Although we have been able to grow as a community, we depend on some services in Salem, this is easy to do via I-5. Salem and Woodburn are only 15-20 minutes away. I also have family in Brooks which is along the I-5 and they are in the same district. Beyond just basic services that are provided, Northeast Salem is another replica of the community building that we have done in Woodburn. The people who live in both of these communities are the same, sharing similar interests and needs and are able to advocate together. Map C addresses all of the realities I listed above, and keeps the places I go to everyday in a district together.

As someone who works for a nonprofit in my community, I know how much hard work community building takes, which is why House Plan B is a slap in the face to not only me, but the elders before me who have worked tirelessly in championing for someone who not only looks like me, but also represents our community so uniquely. It splits up Salem and Woodburn, two areas that are so connected that folks travel in between them every single day. Separating these communities would be a massive disservice to the Latinx community, business, and families that are deeply interconnected.

Thank you all for your time and for your work on this.