



# Native American Youth and Family Center

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To: Co-Chair Boshart Davis, Co-Chair Salinas, Members of the House Interim Committee on Redistricting

RE: Redistricting Proposals – Support Congressional Plan A, House Plan C and Senate Plan C

Co-Chair Boshart Davis, Co-Chair Salinas, Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is William Miller, I am Blackfeet and Cherokee and I represent the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) located in what is currently Congressional District 3, Senate District 22, and House District 44. Founded by the community, for the community, the NAYA Family Center is a family of numerous tribes and voices who are rooted in sustaining tradition and building cultural wealth. We provide culturally specific programs and services that guide our people in the direction of personal success and balance through cultural empowerment. Our continuum of lifetime services creates a wraparound, holistic healthy environment that is Youth Centered, Family Driven, and Elder Guided. I am writing today in support of proposed Congressional District Plan A, House District Plan C and Senate District Plan C.

NAYA works to ensure that our community is represented at all levels of government, receives educational opportunities, and is equipped with the tools needed to create systems change. Resulting from the history of underrepresentation and exclusion from governmental systems, we find it to be vital to center the voices of BIPOC communities by ensuring that concentrated areas of diverse districts are prioritized in the redistricting process. Beyond looking at conflicting partisan interests, the task at hand is an opportunity to redistribute political power by amplifying the voices of BIPOC voters.

Congressional Plan A, House Plan C and Senate Plan C work to amplify the political power of our diverse communities throughout Oregon. The adoption of these three plans would be a significant step toward

increasing BIPOC political representation and creating a more equitable political process. Oregon's BIPOC communities deserve to have our voices heard, our needs met, and a seat at the table. On behalf of the Native American Youth and Family Center recommend the adoption of Congressional District Plan A, House District Plan C and Senate District Plan C.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

William Miller  
Government Affairs Manager