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

For the record my name is Allen Hancock and I live at 2244 Alder Street in Eugene (Lane County). Currently I reside in Congressional District 4, House District 11 and Senate District 7. I have lived in the South University Neighborhood for 32 years.

Thank you for the hard work of this committee - I know there are a lot of complexities to drawing new district lines!

The University of Oregon is the most important thing to be kept together in my neighborhood. Where I live is very much impacted by the University and it's decisions. This is why House Plan A doesn't make sense: it splits the University, which is clearly a distinct community, into three house districts. The plan should keep the University area in one district. At least this should encompass the area south of the Willamette River, West of I-5, north of 24th Ave., and east of Willamette St. Of the options, house plan C best keeps the University community in one district. (The downside to house plan B is that it attempts to put eugene into 2 house districts, when realistically our population needs three.)

Also, the smaller towns south of Eugene such as Creswell and Cottage Grove are very connected to Eugene and many folks travel to and shop in Eugene area. That extent of House Plan C covers areas of geographic similarities that those communities are coming towards Eugene, and folks from Eugene go out that way. Eugene patronize in those communities.

In the proposed senate plan A and C it makes sense to include these major transportation routes: I-5 South, Highway 58, and Highway 126 (however both sides of Highway 126 should be included in the same district to keep McKenzie River residents together). In Senate Plan B, even though i would be in senate District 6, it makes no sense for my neighboring district to be so convoluted–even if 6 makes sense, SD 7 doesn't.

In terms of the congressional maps, it doesn't make sense to split Medford in half and it doesn't make sense to have a district that spans from Astoria to the crest of the Cascades east of Salem.

I support Congressional Map A because It keeps Lane County together - particularly west on HWY 126 towards the coast.

In summary, I support House Plan C, Senate plan C, and Congressional Map A.

Sincerely, Allen Hancock