

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

For the record my name is Randy Knop, and I live in the City of Union in Union County Oregon. My Representative Districts are Senate District 29, House District 58, and Congressional District 2. And have been a resident of Union County for 20-years.

I am testifying today because I believe we all deserve meaningful representation and to believe our vote counts and our voices matter.

Our county is a mixture of agriculture, forestry, retail, and manufacturing. Sustaining a small population of just under 27,000 residents.

We are connected with other counties by a single interstate highway, I-84 running East to West and are bordered on the North East by one the most majestic and scenic wilderness areas. .. the Eagle Cap Wilderness. A large land area that draws thousands of tourists as a summer and winter destination.

In addition, we are home to one of Oregon's premier higher education facilities "Eastern Oregon University-EOU" in addition to six (6) school districts serving eleven (11) communities with K-12 education.

I work in the Consulting industry in the Grande Ronde Valley of Union County. I work with and volunteer with numerous community service organizations, "childhood early development, Suicide Prevention, Homelessness, Food Insecurity, Environment, Law Enforcement, Education, to Senior Care. I send my kids to public schools in the Union School District, and I care deeply about policy decisions that impact our families and workers. From farm workers' working conditions as well as adequate funding for culturally competent public education.

Ours is a community comprised of numerous and growing peoples of Hispanic, Latino, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islanders, Black and White race. Maintaining and increasing these diverse groups is critically important to our existence and future as a community.

It is also important that our system of governance provide opportunity to the growth and sustainability of such diverse social, cultural, and native environments of our county so dependent upon sound legislation and leadership. A representation, that appreciates and understands our needs.

In today's world, it is not as much about who represents us but about why they represent us?

It is crucial to me that maps are drawn in a way that allows my community to elect the candidates of our choice, and who will do their best to represent all the communities and people present in our region.

Right now, Congressional District Plan A is the preferred way to go forward, and I ask you support this plan.

Congressional District 2 – Malheur County, Harney County, Lake County, Klamath County, Jackson County, Josephine County, Baker County, Grant County, Crook County, Wallowa County, Union County, Umatilla County, Morrow County, Gilliam County, Sherman County, portions of Douglas County and

portions of Deschutes County Connected by: I-84, I-5, US-20, US-26, US-395, OR-140 Boundaries utilized: county lines, Bend city boundary.

Further, the proposed Senate Plan C and Legislative House District Plan A are my preferred plans I ask you to support them.

Thank you very much for your time and work on this redistricting effort.

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