

Good Morning, Co-Chairs and Members of the Redistricting Committee,

My name is Annie Wach, and I live in Washington County and in Congressional District One. I work with local community organizations like the Beaverton Civic Theatre and NextUp.

I would like to encourage the committee to proceed with Congressional Redistricting Plan A, but consider making some adjustments regarding the line that separates proposed districts #1 and #6. This line currently divides Beaverton in half, and splits a community that is well integrated, active and vibrant.

Overall, Plan A supports several communities that need to stay together, including the historically Black North Portland neighborhood that includes several of our sister theatres, and the Gorge community that would benefit from continuity of governmental services.

However, the Beaverton community is a united community of interests and values, and splitting it into two different congressional districts doesn't reflect the realities of the community. I would propose a shifting of that line to follow another boundary, perhaps following 210, which is generally accepted as the boundary between Beaverton and Tigard.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Annie Wach