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Hello Co and Vice Chairs, and members of the redistricting committees,
For the record my name is Candy Baunsgard and I live in Deschutes County, District 2
In the Awbrey Butte neighborhood and have for the past 6 years.

I'd like to start by thanking you for all the hard work that the redistricting committees have done in an effort to create fair maps for our districts.

I moved to Bend from Seattle Washington to retire in 2016 and have loved all the recreation that this area has to offer. Three of my 4 children live in Bend and 4 of my 5 grandchildren so I am constantly involved in their schools and activities around town. I live in the NW section of Bend, attend Holy Communion Church in the SE section of town. I use public transportation when rafting the river, belong to Juniper Community Center, Bend Pickleball Club, Central Oregon Duplicate Bridge Group, I use the library regularly and am a Ski Ambassador at Mt. Bachelor so I am constantly traveling on local roads, 97, 20 and Century Drive. Our community struggles with traffic because of the growing population, homelessness and the need for more community resources.

Because we are the fastest growing region in the state I feel it is important that the redistricting lines align us with similar communities and similar concerns and needs.

In particular, I want to share some of the detailed ways that these maps should reflect the reality and needs of my community.

My preference is Congressional Map A because Bend is closer linked to Hood River and Sun River (Century Drive and Spring River Road)

My neighborhood, on Awbrey Butte is being split in half right now and I believe should be contained in the same district and not grouped in the rural sections East of town so that our needs and voices aren't diluted.

My preference is House Map A - Plan B splits district 53 into 3 districts and that doesn't represent my neighborhood correctly.

My preference is Senate Plan C that includes all of Deschutes Forest. Plan B excludes Sun River and cuts off Northern Bend.

Thank you again for your service and your work on this important issue. These maps are a great start. Please keep in mind what I have shared about my community when finalizing maps. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Candice Baunsgard

