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

For the record my name is Joseph Craig and I live in Deschutes County, U.S. Congressional District 2, Oregon Senate District 27, and Oregon House District 54.

I live in the Discovery Park section of the Northwest Crossing Neighborhood of Bend, and I have lived there since 2016. My neighborhood represents many of the future needs and concerns central Oregon; water conservation, wildfire concerns, the need for good schools, transportation, and infrastructure.

I thank you for the hard work of this committee, especially those of you who have worked to try to produce thoughtful, nuanced, and fair maps. I know there are a lot of complexities to drawing new district lines.

**There are a few things I would suggest reflecting the concerns of my community.**

**1. My Reaction to the U.S. Congressional Maps**

Out of all the proposals, I think that the proposal in Map A for district 3 makes a lot of sense because Bend, Hood River, and the area between the 2 cities are very similar. The proposed district has shared concerns regarding tourism, and the protection of natural resources such as National Forests and river and water conservation, that are pivotal to sustaining our tourism economies.

I am not sure how I feel about the maps Western Boundaries -

I understand the inclusions of Troutdale and Sandy being most similar between their ties to the mountains and recreation, and main routes to Hood River and Bend. I do understand that many non-Oregonian visitors are likely traveling to Hood River and Bend from Portland, where our state's largest airport is located, but I don't feel Gresham and East Portland should be part of CD 3.

I would also like to change the southern boundary to use Century Road to include Sunriver in CD 3. The Sunriver community has the same concerns of those in district 3. The other district boundaries on Map A makes sense.

Regarding Map B, Bend, Sunriver, Hood River and The Dalles should not be part of a large eastern Oregon district, central Oregon deserves CD 3.

**2. My reaction to the Oregon House of Representative Maps**

I think that the proposal in Map C for district 53 makes a lot of sense because it considers the types of housing, shopping, dining, education, and transportation concerns. The other district boundaries on Map C also make sense. Bend's population has grown so much that it doesn't make sense to divide it like Map B does, but rather it should be in two house districts such as proposed in Map A or Map C. However, I can't support the lines in Map A because it splits me from the rest of my neighborhood in Northwest Crossing. I live very close to an important employer and school in our area, Central Oregon Community College. Some students go to both COCC and OSU- Cascades, similarly, they will attend COCC and then attend OSU-Cascades. I think it would make sense to keep these two schools, which are both on the west side of the Deschutes River, together.

### **3. My reaction to the Senate Maps**

I think that the proposal in Map C for district 27 is the best map because it considers similar community needs. I agree that the Southern boundaries should include Sunriver and the Deschutes National Forest, both common places to visit for residents from Bend. The other district boundaries on Map C are good.

Once again, thanks so much 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 and central Oregon when finalizing maps. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Craig