

Members of the Redistricting Committee,

My name is Sol Mora Cendejas, I use She/Her pronouns, and I live in SW Portland. I currently live in House District 36, Senate District 22, and Congressional District 3.

In 2020, I was a part of the We Count Oregon campaign, which focused on calling thousands of Oregon residents to answer their questions about the Census and encourage them to complete it. With the team at Forward Together, we worked to ensure that Oregon's hard-to-count communities knew what was at stake. Today I am testifying as a Forward Together member.

That's why I was excited when our hard work resulted in a new Congressional seat for Oregon! So I'll keep my remarks focused on this new Congressional seat. As someone who lives off of SW Burnside and also works in downtown Portland, I am interested in what the plan is for Portland. I also work at the Coalition of Communities of Color and am keenly aware of the growth of Oregon's communities of color and all the research that our organization has published in the past ten years to make our communities visible.

I was surprised to see a Congressional proposal that is so similar to how things look now. The Joint Republican Congressional map is deeply unfair to the parts of our state and the communities that have grown the most in the past ten years. By making CD 3 look so similar to how it currently looks, this map puts its finger on the scale in favor of Republicans. By packing as much of Portland as possible into two districts -- the map unfairly diminishes the voices of Oregon that have grown the fastest and that led to the 6th Congressional district in the first place.

In my opinion, Congressional proposal A is a more fair map and will serve Oregonians the best. CD 1 connects the parts of Washington County that have grown to Multnomah County and uses logical boundaries like the Tillamook and the Yamhill County border to define its boundaries.

The new Congressional map should be fair and ensure that the voices of Oregonians are heard at the federal level. Thank you for your time.