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

For the record my name is Artthew Ng, my pronouns are They/Them/Him and I work in **Washington County, Congressional District 1**. I am an APANO staff member.

First off, thank you for the hard work of this committee, especially those of you who have worked 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 to make sure final maps for Congressional District 1 are reflective of our community.

We must prioritize keeping together BIPOC communities and historically marginalized communities who have been intentionally shut out from the political process for too long. In Washington county, Asian Americans make up 11.4% of the population and have increased by 50% since the 2010 census. While Pacific Islanders make up .5% of the population, their population has increased by 42.8% since the 2010 census.

Major population growth is happening in southern and western Beaverton, so the line dividing CD 1 from CD 6 respects that growth. Highway 8 is the most logical place to split Washington Co. Highway 8 splits the whole Washington County. It separates northern neighborhoods like North Beaverton and Cedar Hills and Bethany and Raleigh Hills. Those neighborhoods are distinct from the places on the other side of the highway, like Southern Beaverton, Aloha, Tigard, etc.

Separating our communities of interest into separate districts directly dilutes immigrant, refugee, Black, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other people of color voting power and continues Oregon's history of intentionally excluding us from the process.

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 when finalizing maps. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Thanks for your time,
Artthew Ng

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