

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

For the record, my name is Cristina Saldivar. I live in Welches, which is located in HD52, SD26, and CD3. I also work at a restaurant in Welches, and serve my community through other organizations along the Mountain. I stand before you today to share my support for House, Senate, and Congressional Map A.

The first thing I appreciate about House and Senate Map A is that it moves Sandy out of House District 52 and pairs it with communities such as Estacada, Molalla, and unincorporated Clackamas County -- which have more shared values with Sandy than communities along the mountain and in the rest of House District 52. On a more personal level, I also know that I as a Latina woman feel a lot of tension and a compromised level of safety when in Sandy. The same cannot be said for the communities along the mountain or along the Gorge, which I have found to have more shared values with *my* community and where I feel more accepted for who I am.

It's important that towns from Alder Creek to Odell are kept in the same legislative district because they are mountain communities heavily populated by blue-collar workers who are a large part of the Mt. Hood workforce -- contributing to the tourism, service, and hospitality industries that contribute to our area's economy. While these communities are scattered along the mountain, we are a rural district so it naturally will cover more land and encompass some communities who may not be immediately adjacent to one another. House and Senate Maps B on the other hand, isolate Odell, Parkdale, and even Hood River from the rest of the mountain.

The mountain communities are unique to themselves, but their populations combined are not substantial enough to merit their own

house district, so they need to be paired with one of the slightly larger towns on either side of the mountain. I would argue that the mountain communities should be paired with Hood River and The Dalles instead of Sandy, not only because of the difference in values that I highlighted moments ago but also because Sandy is in many ways a suburb of the rapidly expanding Portland Metro Area -- where many residents of Sandy commute to Portland every single day for work. The Portland Area is going to continue expanding over the next decade, inching closer and closer to Sandy.

I am in favor of Congressional Map A because it is made up of communities that are heavy on outdoor recreation, tourism, environmental conservation; *and* that have transformed immensely over the last decade. This includes the Gorge, the Mountain, and Bend, which have begun to face many of the concerns that come with a rapidly growing, increasingly interconnected and suburban area. Though some may argue that it doesn't make sense to connect Portland to these communities, the reality is that the communities in HD52 are a short drive from Portland and that they are *all* connected by major roads such as I-84 and HWY-26. These communities are also connected to Bend via roads such as HWY-35, and HWY-197.

Overall, I am supportive of Congressional Map A because I believe the 3rd Congressional District provides some great opportunities for urban, suburban, and rural communities to come together and advocate for some dynamic policies that serve all Oregonians at the federal level.

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

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