

Tri-Chairs Taylor, Salinas, and Boshart-Davis; Vice-Chair, Knopp and members of the redistricting committees. For the record my name is Sarah Ray and I live in Malheur County in Senate District 30. I attended Treasure Valley CC and have lived in Ontario for the past 23 years.

I am a businesswoman who presently owns/operates Adult Foster Care Homes in the area. We employ 20 staff and on any given day are caring for 20 vulnerable individuals. As you know it is a very needed service and those of us in the work are proud for what we do and how we lift-up people and their families in some of the hardest times in their lives.

Thank you for the hard work of this committee. I know there are a lot of complexities to drawing new district lines. I support the maps the committee have put out. I like how Plan A and C of the House and Senate keep communities of interest together, take into account major transportation links, and respect important existing political and natural boundaries in my area.”

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

In Map A, Congressional District 2 communities are linked by many features - they have similar and shared industries pertaining to land and natural resources; they have smaller, close-knit towns and communities; and they have amazing natural features that are a local treasure and drive a booming tourism and recreation industry, and we have robust agricultural economies as well.

I'd like to editorialize a bit and say as person who lives in the Mountain Time Zone - Bend is not that similar to Eastern Oregon. Bend Residents share much more in common with places like Hood River and Portland than with places like Ontario and Burns. And Map A reflects that distinction. I don't know exactly how to move the six Congressional districts around but we over here will not lose sleep with Bend/Deschutes County in another District.

Thanks so much for your service and your work on this 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.

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