

Members of the Redistricting Committee, my name is Tommy Alvarez Sr.

Today I represent my nuclear as well as lived experience with my extended family of about 100 aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, nieces, nephews who are tribal and my in-laws who are Latino. Collectively, we live, work, shop, go to school, and spend our free time in Madras and Warm Springs. Most of my family are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon. We consider our community of Interest to be the entire reservation from the Cascade Mountains to the Deschutes River, and Madras, Oregon up to Terrebonne, where my two cousins live. We also consider the tribes 10 million acres, we ceded to the United States, to be part of our homelands since time immemorial.

In order to, in part, mirror our tribe's ceded area and wanting to have the Latino and Native communities remain together as a community of interest I cannot support any of the Legislature Proposed maps. **My Goal is to support the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78 21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River. However, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice, to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government.** I believe map (House BSmith78 21-09-08) provides an opportunity for all members of the district to be equally represented as voters and in local decision-making.

I personally live and work off the reservation in Madras, Oregon. My family works in both Madras and Warm Springs, and many are unemployed or underemployed.

In our free time my family and I participate in cultural celebrations and traditional tribal teachings. We exercise our rights to fish, hunt and gather foods, off-reservation on our ceded lands as well as on reservation tribal lands. Our children are in school sports both in Warm Springs and Madras in multiple grades and multiple sports.

My family fishes the Deschutes River. All my children have caught their first fish and learned how to fish on this river. Our water rights are very important to my people and is something I can't imagine, not having and being able to pass these same teachings to my kids, in the same places, they were taught and that were passed down to me.

Major Concerns of our family that I have observed and experienced are

- Water rights and useable water for the community
- Jobs
- Affordable housing

These major concerns have been part of the obstacles, making it challenging to thrive in our community. When we are spending most of our time continually addressing these long-time barriers, it leaves little time, resources and ability to learn about and participate in the State elections. This was true for my parents, and myself. I would like see this change for me, and my children so that we can began to participate as dual citizens of the Tribe, State and National elections process.

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Thank you to the Redistricting Committee for the opportunity to provide input. Again, my **Goal is to support the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78 21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River County. And, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice over to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government.** Besides this oral testimony I have also submitted my testimony in writing.