

Itukti kadux, nixx putchwai, good afternoon, thank you to the redistricting committee for allowing me to send in this written testimony and have my voice be heard. My name is Colleta Macy, I am an enrolled tribal citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I represent the Wasco and Warm Springs tribes and live and work on the reservation. I am here to talk about how redistricting affects not only me and my family, but our communities as well. I reside in Congressional District 2 and House District 59.

The maps that have been provided are not what represents me or my community. Our ceded lands spread north to the Columbia River, northeast to Umatilla and parts of Baker county, down south past Bend, and to the west of our reservation boundary line, we have over 600,000 acres of land that is made up of high desert and forest areas, and our reservation is made up of 3,500 community members. We also share school districts with Madras, have students who travel to the Redmond Proficiency Academy schools, and to Bend to attend school and further their education at the COCC college campus. The map that I want to reference and agree with is on ESRI called "House bsmith78 21-09-08", this map includes the communities that need to stay together to be represented correctly and equally and includes parts of our ceded lands.

We want equal representation, as a tribal voice we need to be heard and included in this decision, we have gone long enough being pushed to the back and not having our voices heard or counted. In our district we have been faced with racism, under basic care, and the chance to have a seat at the table. Our representatives don't take the time or put in the effort to get educated about our local issues, needs, positive things we are doing, or how our people are living, ESPECIALLY learning about our people, whom they are supposed to represent and maintain healthy, respectable, and understanding relationships with.

Our Native and LatinX communities have been disproportionately affected by COVID19, most of us believe in vaccines, masks, and social distancing to save lives and get our schools and businesses open again, I myself am vaccinated, my children that are of age to be vaccinated; are vaccinated. We understand how important this is to be safe and to save the lives of the people with compromised immune systems.

On the frontlines of the threat from climate change, our communities must deal with the effects of drought on our water supply, causing issues ranging from a lack of drinking water to the effects on local ecologies. The agricultural workforce has had to work through heatwaves. And forest fires are having lasting impacts on our rural communities and forest habitat.

I am now going to share my story, as an Indigenous woman, mother, aunt, sister, and role model for our future generations, this is very important to me. I am 3 years clean and sober from Meth and other mind changers, I am a fire starter for the Warm Springs Warriors Accepting Recovery Wellbriety Movement, and I see people everyday struggling with addictions, with no help in sight. I was an addict for many years and am in recovery, we need equal, fair, and understanding representation in these matters. We need our communities to be combined and not split apart, so we are able to address these issues and get the proper help and understanding to combat the struggle of addiction. We need trauma informed

representation as well, our people have gone through and go through generational and historical trauma and typical counseling only goes so far if it isn't trauma informed, and culturally appropriate.

Our representatives also need to see that our disciplinary rates for BIPOC and LatinX, and low-income communities are high, we need to take a stand on this and turn to treatment settings that are grass roots based and culturally appropriate, who are trauma informed and understand our communities and the help they need instead of just locking people up and thinking that punishment is the answer. We need compassion and understanding in these matters, we need healing not harm.

The media likes to push a false narrative that Oregon's rural areas are all the same, largely white demographic. Nothing could be further from the truth. A lot of the current people that represent us in the legislature like to talk about a "rural perspective" and voice that is ignored by Salem and Portland. The irony is these same politicians are ignoring and marginalizing the voice of OUR communities that they are supposed to represent.

The voices of large BIPOC populations in rural Oregon are being stamped out by people that DON'T represent us.

We come from communities that have long been disenfranchised. Many in the Latinx community are undocumented and have lived in fear for years, while the representatives of their district want to make their lives worse. Rural Native and Latinx communities of color have been racially gerrymandered...in Northeast, Central, and Southern Oregon our communities have been intentionally cut in half or diluted. Our children go to schools where the current "leadership" has turned their safety and education into their personal political and culture war.

There are a lot of recommended criteria for drawing a map, and a lot of these rules can conflict with each other, meaning some things are prioritized. For the first time, racial equity should be prioritized in rural Oregon.

The republican candidates that have been representing us haven't been for us, I'm sure we could share similar ideas, but so far through the years we have been looked down on, stereotyped, criticized, told we are nothing but alcoholics, drug addicts, criminals, and have been shown blatant racism towards our communities.

We need understanding, proper, respectable, compassionate, and equal representation and the way to get that is not splitting up the communities, the maps that have been presented are not what represents equal representation. I support the map publicly available on ESRI titled "House bsmith78 21-09-08." There is an emphasis on rural native communities and adjacent Latinx populations that share common interests and face common issues. Under this map, the three largest Native American communities in Oregon will finally get a better say in who represents them in the legislature. HD57 would no longer split apart one of the largest contiguous Latinx populations in the state, but rather join it with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation. The Klamath Tribes would have their citizens on the reservation in the same district as their citizens that live in adjoining Klamath Falls. Warm Springs would no longer have its voting power purposely diluted with other communities they have nothing in common with, but rather rural Latinx communities in Hood River and Madras. And the citizens of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Klamath Tribes would share a common state senate

district. Using the other gerrymandered maps that have been presented would be unfair and unethical to our communities. Thank you all for your time and accepting my testimony.

-Colleta Macy