

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, Co-Chairs Salinas and Boshart-Davis, and members of the Legislative Committees on Redistricting,

I'm writing to share my support for House/Senate Map A and Congressional Map A.

I support House Map A first and foremost because it removes Sandy from House District 52, and adds Mosier and The Dalles in its place. While like Hood River, Sandy is adjacent to Mount Hood, Sandy is more of a suburb of Portland; and as the Metro Area continues to expand over the next decade, its needs and priorities will increasingly resemble those of Portland's. In addition, the values, priorities, and cultural currents in Sandy differ greatly from those of the Gorge and Mt. Hood's eastern flank.

Moreover, The Dalles is deeply interwoven with Hood River, which makes adding it to House District 52 a common sense change to current district boundaries. The two communities are deeply intertwined, with people traveling back and forth to work, receive medical care, go shopping, and recreate outdoors. We are also connected to The Dalles and the rest of the Columbia Gorge via public transportation options and major freeways like the I-84. Isolating any part of the Gorge from the other, like Map B does in three different ways, makes no sense at all. The Map B proposal also pulls Hood River south, where there are fewer options for traveling via car through the district and essentially no options for travel if you rely on public transportation.

When it comes to Congressional Maps, I also want to highlight my support for Map A. Culturally speaking, Hood River, The Dalles, and Bend are more like small cities than they are rural areas. We share common industries and many economic and cultural similarities, which more closely resemble those of our state's urban communities, and are connected to Portland in many ways. Our areas experience massive flows of tourists coming in from Portland, so it's important that we work together to both facilitate and manage tourism to promote livability, economic growth, and prosperity in the decade to come. Tourism is a boon to our communities, but also contributes to increased impacts on our parks, forests, and facilities as well as creating regional traffic and housing issues. Map A's proposed Congressional District gives us the chance to have a representative who can be cognizant of these needs and who can work to help us address them.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I hope you keep my thoughts in mind as you consider the final maps.

Best,

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