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To: Oregon Redistricting Committee

My name is Sherry Harvey from Florence Oregon, I'm in US congressional district 4, Oregon house district 9 and senate district 5.

I want to thank the committee for all your very hard work and dealing with the extreme complexity of this mapping project.

My first comments are regarding my local area of Florence. We are a small coastal community that is basically 50:50 with respect to politics. There are slightly more registered democrats than Republicans. We are basically a one zip code and 3 voting precinct town. We share lots of community events, school district, library district, and port district.

Oregon House map B (the republican house proposal) splits Florence into two districts and isolates the community on North Fork so that there is no transportation link, which violates one of your redistricting rules. I think separating the town (much of which lives north of downtown) would sub-optimize election campaigning and could even create an "us and them" situation. I **strongly support Map C** or **even map A** for the Oregon House district boundaries.

Now, regarding the maps A and B for the US Congressional districts, I am very much in support of Map B because it preserves the contiguous communities of the districts and more fairly balances the political landscape across parties.

I am very opposed to map A because it violates your rules 1 and 4. It divides communities of common interest and it divides/dilutes ethnic groups concentrated in Portland and parses them out to other districts.

When cities are parsed into rural communities, *rural always loses* and in this case cultural concentration in the city is also diluted.

Thank you for your consideration. I have also submitted this as written testimony.

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