Hello!

Good afternoon, Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs, Redistricting Committee members, and everyone here today.

My name is Magali Cruz, and I live in District 1st. My pronouns are she/her. Since five years ago, I started to live in the City of Hillsboro, and a year later, I moved to the city of Forest Grove, belonging to Washington County and the same district where I have been living for the last four years.

During this time, I have learned to love, respect, and understand the state of Oregon, these cities, but especially my community. Thanks to the support of my family and these components, today I can continue with my education at Portland Community College.

I may not have experienced the significant changes that District 1 has been having over the past decade. However, I can appreciate the resources, modifications, and opportunities that this district has offered me until today.

As time goes by, our communities grow, and there must be equality in each district. I understand and respect the redistribution decision as a census shows us the reason for this redistribution. However, I believe that when managing redistribution, the interests of each community should be taken care of. Because a drastic dividing of District 1 will not only divide us as a community; also divide the votes of a community with the same interests and needs. I believe that inclusivity is something necessary; however, at this moment, some communities need more help and do not need to be a minority in a new district. It is for that reason that I prefer Plan A if there is no other solution.

For that reason, today, I ask you most attentively for my entire community and me that what is the decision you take, the chosen redistribution is not only decided to change political power. This redistribution must be selected to help and keep the community interests united.

Thanks for your hard work on these maps and for listening to us.

Sincerely,
Magali Cruz,

Magali Cruz, Congress-Dristrict 1, House-District 29, and Senate-District 15.
City:Forest Grove