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Chair Taylor and Co-Chairs Salinas and Boshart Davis, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Committee members,

For the record, my name is David Willis, I live in Springfield, Congressional District 4, and House District 12. I have served on the Springfield Utility Board for 6 years but I am not here representing the board. I am also a Rotarian and have owned a small business in Springfield for 20 years.

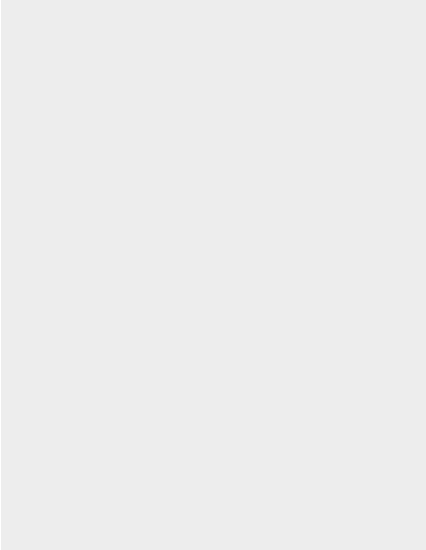
I am pleased to be able to share some of my thoughts to you today about this important issue. Thank you for your work on this.

For years I've been a fan of the idea of placing 1 house district within the city of Springfield because I believe it kept our interest as a community together. Our Rep has been there for the Springfield Community when needed. I say this even though I disagree with him from time to time.

But over the years I have become concerned about the districting, noticing that a number of my more rural / agricultural clients are aligned with Eugene. If Springfield gets 1 rep because the population fits, why is it that Eugene gets 4 even though their population doesn't rate 4. Should be 3 at the most. The current line has Eugene in 4 house districts, all the proposals do as well. Which makes me think? Do we in Springfield really want 1 house district for all of Springfield, for our community of interest or should we split into 2 districts so that we can spread our influence out?

I think the committee needs to go back to the drawing board and change this so we don't have these flag pole connections with Eugene and rural/agricultural constituents are not dominated by Eugene.

Thank you



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