

Good afternoon Senate Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, and House Co-chair Salinas and Boshart-Davis:

My name is Michelle Yemaya. I live in Clackamas, House District 51, Senate District 26, and Congressional District 5. I've had the chance to look over the proposed maps and wanted to share some initial thoughts.

In House Plan B, HD 39 doesn't make sense. The district is so much larger than any of the local districts or metropolitan areas. All other districts in the Metro Area are much smaller, it made me wonder why this one is being pulled into rural Oregon? Some of the biggest issues are - it splits parts of Clackamas, the Mt. Scott Area, and cuts off a portion of Happy Valley which would be confusing for folks. Also, it leaves out Powell Butte. House Plan B doesn't look appropriate even just by glancing at it.

House Plan C HD 51 on the other hand - keeps Clackamas and Sunnyside together. Our towns are highly connected to the Portland area. I drive into Portland to be around other Black and Brown folks in East County several times a week - on the 99 E. I also like the boundary goes further West to grab Mt. Scott, this district resembles what I think of as Clackamas and its surrounding areas.

On the Congressional Maps I wanted to mention my support for Map A. This district follows the statute, and is compact and contiguous. It keeps rural Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties together, which are counties that share agricultural common interests. Because these areas aren't as dense in population it makes sense to pair them with the Southern Portland Suburbs, which share a more rural and agricultural way of life. For these reasons I support Congressional Map A.

Thank you for listening to my testimony and your hard work on this issue.

- Michelle Yemaya