

**Members of the Redistricting Committee, my name is Jolene Estimo**

I represent my nuclear as well as lived experience with my extended family of about 100 aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, nieces, nephews who are tribal as well as a few of my family who also have Latino heritage. Collectively, we live, work, shop, go to school, and spend our free time in Madras and Warm Springs. Most of my family are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon. We consider our community of Interest to be the entire reservation from the Cascade Mountains to the Deschutes River, and Madras, Oregon up to Terrebonne, where my two nieces and nephew live. We also consider the tribes 10 million acres, we ceded to the United States, to be part of our homelands since time immemorial.

My redistricting goal is to mirror our tribe's ceded land area and wanting to have the Latino and Native communities remain together as a community of interest, therefore I cannot support any of the Legislature Proposed maps. **My Goal is best supported by the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78 21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River. However, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice, to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government.** I believe map (House BSmith78 21-09-08) provides an opportunity for all members of the district to be equally represented as voters and in local decision-making.

I personally live and work on the Warm Springs reservation. My family works in both Madras and Warm Springs, and many are unemployed or underemployed.

In our free time my family and I participate in cultural celebrations and traditional tribal teachings. We exercise our rights to fish, hunt and gather foods, off-reservation on our ceded lands as well as on reservation tribal lands. Our children attend school in Warm Springs and Madras. Historically, neither the Native or Latinx communities have been represented in our local elections, including our schools. For example, 71% of the student body in Jefferson County are BIPOC and over 90% of the teachers and administration are white. Historically, our communities have never been represented in our local government, ever.

Major Concerns of our family that I have observed and experienced are

- Climate change, water rights and useable water for the community
- Access to Family Wage Jobs and available job training
- Access to Affordable housing

These major concerns have been part of the obstacles, making it challenging to thrive in our community. When we are spending most of our time continually addressing these long-time barriers, it leaves little time, resources and ability to learn about and participate in the State elections. Both the Native and Latinx populations have been disenfranchised, and I would like see this change so that our families may began to have an interest to participate as dual citizens of the State and National elections process, in addition to tribal elections.

Thank you to the Redistricting Committee for the opportunity to provide input. Again, **My Goal is best supported by the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78**

Congressional District 2  
Testified on September 8

**21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River County. And, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice over to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government.** Besides this oral testimony I have also submitted my testimony in writing.