

My name is Jaylyn Suppah, I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I am the director of the Papalaxsimisha program and the Partnership Coordinator for We Draw Oregon who has been empowering and encouraging our communities to share their stories and voice.

I live and work on the Warm Springs Reservation. Our reservation boundary is 600,000 acres and our ceded lands stretch even further. Our ceded lands span from up to the Columbia River to the south of Bend stretching over to the baker county area all the way to the west of our reservation boundary into the sisters area.

Acknowledging our ceded land area is important for all of you to understand how this plays a critical role in district lines and our community of interest areas that go beyond our everyday activities and shopping needs and also includes our traditional gathering, hunting, fishing and ceremonial areas that reach far beyond our reservation boundaries.

I would like to request, even so late to this process, that as we look into how this process has left out communities and my community of Warm Springs as well as the other eight federally recognized Tribes of Oregon, we start to address this issue moving forward. There needs to be Tribal Consultation before we get to this hearing process as this upholds the sovereign rights of all Tribes in Oregon. I would also like to highlight the census data, as someone who worked on the ground on census, it does not reflect our true population and is not accurate data especially for Tribal communities.

This is important and could lead to more equitable representation, resources and support that reflects the communities this process is supposed to uphold and serve. Currently as a constituent I do not feel reflected in our elected officials who represent me in the house or senate. The maps presented I do not support as it spits several Tribal communities in different ways. I support the House Bsmith78 21-09-08 submitted map as it reflects my community, my community of interest and is inclusive of the communities of which represent my family.

As we move forward, if you have taken anything please remember Tribal Consultation needs to be incorporated in all levels of decision making to ensure our sovereignty is being upheld. Thank you for your time.