

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

My name is Kevin Alejandrez and I live in Salem but my job is in Woodburn. I have lived in this area for a little over a year now, and prior to that, I lived in the area from about 2006-2016 so am very familiar with the communities that live between the Salem - Woodburn corridor.

I have worked with members of the Latinx community and have seen how much work has gone to build the vibrant community we are today. Although I live in Representative Brian Clem's district, I commute to Representative Alonso-Leon's district to find my favorite foods that remind me of my childhood. Lancaster road has a great variety of shops and restaurants that are reflective of the surrounding population. For example, restaurants like *Los Dos Amigos Hacienda* is a popular Mexican restaurant where families dine on Sundays. In the same lot, you can find Mirandas Bakery where you can find all sorts of baked goods, and the flea market where people commonly congregate on the weekends.

I love where I live and work because of how rich in culture the Salem-Keizer - Woodburn corridor is. While there is a need for investment in our communities, our community ties have allowed us to be successful in building and empowering communities.

That said, I wanted to respond to the proposed maps by these committees. I understand that redistricting is a difficult task but ensuring that communities that share similar interests are kept together is essential.

House Plan B is a laughable map as it divides the communities who have worked so hard for decades to be together. If you've ever driven through Woodburn and NE Salem, the communities who lives in these two communities are very obvious. This Map also does not take into account the amount of growth and gentrification that has happened during these last 10 years. More and more Latinx families are moving to Hayesville and Middle Grove way past Lancaster road. The natural boundary now is Cordon road which is also an obvious divider. When you cross Cordon road, you can clearly see how distinct communities on each side of the road live their day-to-day lives.

Thank you,  
Kevin Alejandrez