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For the record my name is Rebecca Sandoval, my pronouns are she, her, hers and I live in Medford and work as a Home care and personal support worker and drive for Uber. I have lived here for 25 years or so and I know my way around.

As I shared in the spring when I was able to speak to many of you - thank you for hearing public testimony about redistricting. I am grateful that Oregon uses this deliberative process, that you seek input from the public, and that unlike many other states we do *not* have a long history of partisan gerrymandering. I think that is because our system includes many checks and balances, like that if the legislature isn't able to agree on the district boundaries or runs out of time, there is a back-up plan for the Secretary of State to draw the lines, and that all of these redistricting plans can be checked through the courts. Our system works and I appreciate that you all are committed to making it work by listening to the public.

There are a lot of special things about Southern Oregon. One of my favorite things is the sense of community that we have here in Jackson County.

I think you've captured that in State House and State Senate Plans A as they speak to keeping our communities together. I know that having representatives who understand what makes this region special is important to make sure this community gets the funding and resources it needs to thrive as we recover from the coronavirus pandemic and the Labor Day fires from 2020.

Keeping Phoenix, Talent and Ashland together makes sense as they share many common interests from the need for wildfire recovery, shared economies around SOU, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and Asante Community Hospital. Thanks for that.

I look forward to continuing to watch and participate in your work and am excited to watch how you continue to engage working people in the process. Thank you for your time.

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