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Co-Chairs Taylor, Salinas, and Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Knopp, members of the redistricting committee, for the record my name is Rob Fullmer, and I've lived in Northwest Portland within congressional district 1 and house district 36 for the past 21 years. Thank you for undertaking the challenging work of this committee.

As a long time neighborhood activist and 2020 candidate for Oregon house district 36 who has spent a lot of time listening to neighbors on their doors on both the east and west side of the Portland metro area, there are a couple things I would suggest to make sure final maps for the region are reflective of our community.

The downtown and inner west side neighborhoods are a community of common interests and should be kept together if possible. We have the same issues of trash, noise, people experiencing homelessness, and crime. Neighborhood leaders have recently organized into a six core neighborhood coalition attempting to work together to improve the living conditions we've seen worsening over the last few years. For the past 17 years I've worked at Portland State University which is an integral part of this urban core. It serves the people living in the city center to be able to vote together for representation that will prioritize our shared interests.

Proposed congressional district map A and house and senate maps A do an excellent job of keeping together these communities of interest, while the other options do not. I am here to advocate for final maps that keep similar boundaries for the west side.

Once again, thanks so much for your service and your work on this important issue. Please keep in mind what I have shared about my community when finalizing maps. I'm happy to answer any questions.