

Co-Chairs Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record, my name is Anthony Medina and I live in the city of Woodburn. I currently reside within House District 22, Senate District 11.

I live in Woodburn and have for the past 6 years, but have resided within HD 22 for most of my life. My family came to Woodburn in the early 1970s as farmworkers and lived in labor camps right outside of town. I reflect on how district maps and representation could have affected them some fiftyish years ago. Communities in Woodburn face some of the same challenges and are uniquely positioned to gain the most strength behind their voice when we speak as a collective. Please do not piecemeal our communities that have been essential to the growth and culture of the mid-Willamette valley nor dilute our presence in the final version of this map.

I grew up in the community. I serve on the local school board. My daughter also goes to school right around the corner within the district; I couldn't be more proud of this community. Please continue to ensure Woodburn has a voice and representation in the legislature (both House and Senate). I believe that House Proposal C respects our community, and continues to connect us with areas that have common concerns.

I would also like to thank the staff who have worked tremendously to ensure that the maps proposed are bipartisan and follow statute.

Of the proposed maps, I appreciate how Woodburn is contained within one district but see some concerns with the northern part of the district. Most folks who commute to the Salem area do so through the I-5. This important highway connects the communities of interest who reside in Woodburn and NE Salem. House Plan B stops at Hayesville and includes more rural areas West above Keizer that do not share commonalities in the ways that communities in Woodburn and Salem.

Woodburn and its surrounding areas are rich in agriculture, farmwork, and everyday laborers. It is important for the legislature to revisit some of the maps proposed and consider how some of the boundaries drawn separate communities that will only keep growing in future years.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Anthony Medina