I live in Congressional District 3 in Sandy. I disagree with how State House District 52 is being split up in the three current proposals. It appears that all three proposals separate the City of Sandy from what we call the Mountain Community and, in several plans, adds the communities of Mosier and The Dalles instead. I oppose these plans for the following reasons:

Map C separates Oregon Trail School District into two different HD's. As stated in the hearing on September 3, school districts should not be divided. Sandy Middle School and Cedar Ridge School are in new HD52; all other Sandy schools are in the new HD18.

Map C divides the city of Sandy, placing the majority of Sandy in a new HD18. Sandy, as the 4th-fastest growing city in Oregon, will continue to expand into its' urban growth boundary. Several of Sandy's housing areas and city parks are in the new HD52 while the rest are in the new HD18.

Beyond dividing the City and the school district, communities of interest are divided. Residents of smaller mountain communities come to Sandy to shop, for medical services, to use the city's parks, gyms, social services, schools, and to share other resources. Highway 26 connects these communities. Also, the Sandy/Mt. Hood Transit bus routes connect Sandy with the mountain communities. We are neighbors and should not be split by an imaginary line. There is a simple fix for correcting Plan C map: Place Sandy within HD52 and remove the Dalles from HD52. The populations are similar in size. This solution puts the City of Sandy back into one House District, and the entire Oregon Trail School District back into one House District as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Redistricting process.

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