

Good morning House co-chairs Salinas and Boshart Davis, Senate Chair Taylor, and Vice-chair Knopp

For the record, my name is Elizabeth Heredia and I use she/her pronouns. I currently live in Keizer which is in House District 25, Senate District 13, and Congressional District 5.

During this past year, my life has changed significantly since bringing a new member into our family. After my son was born, my husband and I began to have more and more conversations about where he was going to go to daycare, school, or where we were going to take him to the park. Although I live in Keizer, the office where I work is in Woodburn which is about a 20 minute commute through 99E HWY.

Historically, the Salem-Keizer border seems one in the same, where folks who reside on either side of Salem Parkway Highway easily merge in order to access basic needs such as general grocery stores, medical services or shopping stores. The communities who reside in these areas have similar shopping habits, speak the same language or practice the same religion. During the past few years, we've noticed how our neighbors and other members of the community have begun to be pushed out into areas more East where many share the same socioeconomic status.

While I appreciate some areas of the maps proposed, House Plan B raises many concerns, specifically in the Hayesville, Middle Grove, and Four Corners area. House Plan B splits these communities right through the middle, not respecting the communities of interest that live parallel in those cities.

Keizer neighbors the city of Salem which many people from my neighborhood frequent, this area can be thought of as a "bedroom community" where people don't engage much because there are no services that serve the demographics.

I want to advocate for House Plan C and thank you again for letting me share my testimony.

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