

Good evening, Co-Chairs Taylor, Salinas and Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Knopp(Kah-nope), and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record my name is Elizabeth Hunt, my pronouns are she/her and I live in Linn County and work for Greater Albany Public Schools.

I live in Brownsville and have for the past 6 years.

I want to thank every member of this committee as well as everyone who has come to speak tonight. I know that the process for drawing district lines that encompass the needs of everyone is a challenging one, and I am thankful for the work you are doing to create fair maps that take all of those needs into consideration.

It is important that the final maps are reflective of our community. For us in the Albany area, we should be operating with the understanding that we are a diverse community and becoming more so all the time. We encompass not only the metro area of the city, but we also have the surrounding farms and vineyards where a great many of us live and work. It is important that the district lines encompass these areas to keep the Albany district whole.

I believe Plan C is currently the map that represents us best. Plan C respects the Albany city line, even as it has to cross a bit into Benton county to accommodate West Albany, which makes a lot of sense. I believe prioritizing keeping Albany whole as a district makes more sense than dividing it due to the county line.

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

Elizabeth Hunt