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

For the record my name is Joy Vegar and my pronouns are she, her and I live in Coos County and in House District 9. I live in rural Lakeside and have for the past many 20 years. And I am a native to the coast of Oregon. I have worked as a child and adult Care Provider helping keep both sets of folks in their own homes and living lives with respect. I am also deeply involved in the Hauser Church community in Coos County. I now work with the County's mental health program providing adult care to program participants. Coos Health and Wellness.

I appreciate what the committees have done so far. Thank you. I know this is not easy and in reading about the process nationally and in Oregon there is lots of passion and feeling about drawing new district lines.

I realize that our towns on the coast did not grow as fast as some other places, and that means our district lines have to expand out somewhere - either up and down the coast or inland into the forest. To do that I believe the House Plan C makes the most sense.

I drive a ton for my work and the 101 connects our coastal communities, and highways 38 and 42 connect us inland, and brings commerce and tourists to our towns. And the Siuslaw National Forest is a treasure and using it as a natural border for the districts is smart. So let's keep it that way.

I am very happiest to see Coos Bay and North Bend being kept together. And the Coquille tribal communities maintained in the plans. They are integral together. It's how it's been and I am very glad that this new proposed map keeps it that way. I don't like that Plan B splits up Florence. That's not connectivity or maintaining communities of interest.

Lastly - I support Congressional Plan A. We are all glad to be in Cong District 4.

Thanks again for your service and your work on this important issue. I know you have heard four days of testimony and I hope you will remember mine. I'm happy to answer any questions.

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