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Senate & House Committees on Redistricting
Oregon State Capitol
900 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Taylor, Co-Chair Boshart Davis, Co-Chair Salinas & Members of the Senate and House Redistricting Committees,

On behalf of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the redistricting proposals. As the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, we are primarily concerned about how these plans will affect our city.

We urge you to adopt the plan labeled as Legislative Plan B. In that plan, we, along with the City of Woodburn, are part of House District 23. The proposed district is compact, retains communities of interest (including existing Hispanic communities in both cities) and is connected by a major transportation route (Interstate 5). What would become our Senate District under Legislative Plan B continues that connection via Interstate 5 and includes additional agricultural areas of which Keizer is currently a part.

In reviewing the other legislative plans, we have some concerns. Legislative Plan C puts Keizer in House District 25 with the coast range mountains and its western border is surprisingly close to the City of Tillamook. The plan stretches the definition of communities of interest and is not connected easily by existing transportation routes. The proposed Senate District 12 puts Keizer with large parts of western Washington County making the issues with the House District even worse.

While in Legislative Plan A, House District 21 passes the compact test, it fails many others. Starting with the dividing communities of interest. Separating Keizer from the Mission Bottom area makes little sense. Adding in Central Salem divides communities of interest further. As an outlying community of the State Capital, we do not share much in common with the increasingly urban central Salem. While the proposed Senate District 11 is a little better as it considers the existing relationship between Keizer and Woodburn, we cannot help but wonder why just a piece of Salem is added.

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We urge you to adopt Legislative Plan B, or something close to it. Keizer and Woodburn are wonderful partners at the chamber of commerce level and would fit well together in a house district.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Thompson", is written over the text "Warmest Regards,".

Jonathan Thompson, Chair
Government Affairs Committee
Keizer Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Senator Kim Thatcher
Representative Bill Post
Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
John Zobrist, Woodburn Chamber of Commerce