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For the record my name is Kevin Zerzan, my pronouns are He/Him and I live in Gladstone, Oregon, Congressional District 5 and Legislative House District 40

I live in and have worked in Gladstone as an educator for the past 22 years.

Thank you for your work on this committee, I cannot imagine the amount of time and effort it takes to manage the complexities of drawing new district lines and I am grateful for your effort.

Tonight I would like to specifically react to the House Plan redistricting of district 40 where I live and work. I would very much like to promote Legislative House Districting Plan A as I think it makes the most sense.

First, using the Willamette River as a boundary for my district makes sense as there is a vast difference between the communities that exist on either side of the river, Gladstone is very much different than West Linn and Lake Oswego. Secondly, Plan A groups Gladstone with communities such as Oregon City and Oak Grove that have very similar demographics which makes sense. As a long time resident and educator in this community I have seen the change in our demographics, most notably the growth in both racial and economic diversity over the past two decades. This growth in diversity is also evident in our surrounding communities so it makes sense that we share representation in the House.

I am grateful for the amount of thought and effort your committee has put into producing these redistricting maps. Please, when finalizing the redistricting maps, consider my support of House Plan A as the plan that provides the best representation for my family and the other families who live in District 40.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Thank You,
Kevin Zerzan