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

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For the record my name is Bill Kucha, my pronouns are he/him/his. I have lived in Senate District 5 and House District 10 for forty years.

First I'd like to thank you for your work in this important task of redrawing our district maps. Presently I feel underrepresented in both Houses due in part to, what I believe is, a mismatch of interests, political ideologies, and natural boundaries. The creation of new district maps is a chance to rectify some existing problems. Therefore, I support the Congressional Plan A as well as Legislative Plan C and hope you do as well for the following reasons:

Congressional Plan A keeps all of Lincoln and Benton counties together in the same district pairing Corvallis and Eugene with the Central Coast which makes sense because of the connection we have together in terms of our shared HWY 20, satellite campus connections between Oregon State and OCCC as well the need for us to have access to their major hospitals. Creating a new Senate District 6 which combines progressives with progressive and conservative with conservative seems wise so that we may move forward with our separate agendas concerning the environment and economic interests (fishing, logging, and tourism) without butting our heads together and creating loggerheads rather than progress. Legislative Plan C brings communities of similar interest together as well, as the Central Coast has much more in common with the North Coast than the South Coast not only in terms of shared industries but in terms of a share ethos and environmental concerns.

I would like to finish my testimony on a person note, that being I am very upset with the relative complacency of my representatives in responding to our climate emergency by favoring big agriculture, timber and fossil fuel interests over the health and life of our planet. It is shameful and dangerous. I worry for my grandchildren. It's important to have fair representation, that our districts are not gerrymandered to favor one party over the other, and especially not favor the minority party. This is all a big deal to my mind because these lines could change everything for generations to come.

I urge you to please support Congressional Plan A and Legislative Plan C. You may contact me by phone at 541 765 2451 or email at billkucha@gmail.com.

Thank you. Sincerely, Bill Kucha