

For the record my name is Luis, my pronouns are he/him/his and I live in Marion County, House District 18, and Senate District 9.

I live in House District 18, and Senate District 9, and have lived here for the past 7 years.

September 10th, 2021

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

First off, thank you for the hard work of this committee. I know there are a lot of complexities to drawing new district lines. Generally speaking, I support Congressional Maps A, Senate Plan C, and House Plan C. These maps make sense to me based on how they keep communities of interest together, take into account major transportation links, and respect important existing political and natural boundaries in my area. However, I don't support Congressional Plans B, Senate Plan B, or House Plan B. I believe that these proposed maps contribute to gerrymandering, and dilute disenfranchised voices when it comes to voting. I believe that my local community is not represented on these proposed maps, and I don't believe that this map proposal should be adopted.

There are a few things I would suggest to make the maps in the House District 18, and Senate District 9 area even more reflective of our community. The first thing that the committee can make changes on, is to adopt the map proposals of House Plan C, and Senate Plan C when looking into adopting new maps. I believe that these maps are the most equitable, in reflecting my communities values, and special interest groups, and I believe that these maps are the most fair ones that the legislature can adopt.

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.

Sincerely,

Luis Acosta-Vega