

Chairs Taylor and Salinas, Vice-Chairs Knopp and Boshart Davis, and members of the committee,

For the record my name is Jennifer Noonan. I am a working mom that lives in SE Portland. I am pursuing my degree and also working to lift my family out of poverty.

In order to provide for my family and climb that ladder out of poverty, I feel that is important that we have fairly drawn districts in Oregon.

Our state government has been dominated by one-party for years. That has lead to out-of-balance policy that hurts low-income families like mine. Because of that, the partisan nature of redistricting is troubling to me. I believe there should be an independent commission established to draw the lines fairly, that will do justice for families and communities like mine and ensure access to a fair Democracy.

Over the years, I have sent many emails to my representatives. I care deeply about giving families choice and control over their kid's education. Over the past year, we have seen the damage that government-run schools can have for families like mine. As a sexual assault survivor and foster youth, I care deeply about holding assaulters accountable and supporting our foster system. There are deep flaws in these systems that need to be addressed.

To that end, I ask the committee to please ensure districts are drawn fairly and do not gerrymander districts. These districts will be used for the next decade. Over the next ten years, I will have completed college and hopefully have lifted my family out of poverty. The policy each of these districts elect will in part determine whether I can do that. I don't want handouts, I just want the freedom to make my family successful.

Thank you