Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the House Special Committee on Redistricting:

My name is Polly Johnson and I live in Pendleton, OR. I serve as District VI Director for Oregon Federation of Republican Women, President of Roundup Republican Women and am a Precinct Committee Person in Umatilla County. In landmass, our district takes up over half of the state and is made up of mostly rural communities with hard working, dedicated men and women who love where they live.

After the 2020 election fraud and distrust among the general public that our State and Country's leaders are not really working on the voter's behalf, I believe it is more important now than ever before to "clean up" redistricting. Oregon's current system is vulnerable to political gerrymandering and is detrimental to voting integrity. Now is a great opportunity to make a positive change in an outdated system that is a conflict of interest. This change could help restore trust that our legislator's are men and women of integrity with a focus off of political gain and back on to what is fair for the voter.

I strongly urge you to hand over the responsibility for redistricting to an independent commission that would ensure to Oregon voters that accountability and transparency for fair representation from their lawmakers can be accomplished. If possible, I recommend waiting until the Census data is available so you have accurate information to work with. Since redistricting only happens every 10 years, let's get this right.

Thank you for your dedication to representing the people in the great State of Oregon. God Bless America.

Polly Johnson

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