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Good afternoon Chair Salina and Members of The Special Committee on Redistricting. My name is Kathleen Cantrell. I am a 4th generation Oregonian. I reside in Wasco County on the family farm. Our land produces alfalfa hay, cereal grain hay and certified weed free grass hay.

I want the record to show today that I support having a third party independent commission with partisan limitations. ( 2 Non affiliates, 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats) to be responsible for drawing redistricting boundaries. Oregonian's want a say in the process without leaving the task to politicians. We can look to Washington State to see the success they have using this method.

Oregon has historically established that redistricting shall happen FOLLOWING completion of the U.S. Census. Allowing Oregon State University to offer statistics and partner with politicians in redrawing boundaries prior to the release date of the U.S. Census count is comparable to reinventing the wheel. The Bureau has notified the State when their data will be released. We MUST wait until then to draw new boundaries. Their method of distributing census data is not broken. Oregon has no right to create a new way to redraw district maps. Keep our learning institutions out of politics! The delay from the Census Bureau is a direct result of the pandemic. We must be patient and wait to redraw district boundaries.

According to 2017 Oregon Agriculture figures, the following list is for specific crop and crop value.

Hay .....	\$661 million
Milk.....	\$449 million
Grass Seed \$	436 million
Potatoes.....	\$187 million
Wheat.....	\$185 million
Pears.....	\$181 million
Wine Grapes \$	143 million
Onions.....	\$125million

In an Oregonian article dated 6/11/2020, The Oregon Dept.of Forestry total value of timber logged on PRIVATE LAND since 1991 and adjusted for inflation was almost at \$67 Billion.

The above figures illustrate a solid industry/economy in Oregon. When considering redistricting, it is important to combine like with like to ensure continued success of healthy industry. When you infuse an area with people who invest nothing in the land or its production, you dilute the potential to continue to maintain, which in turn affects livelihoods, tax revenue and your salary.

Please keep my testimony in mind when determining how to go about creating new district boundaries. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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