

Senate Committee on Redistricting
Hearing Testimony
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Good afternoon Chair Taylor and members of the Committee.

For the record my name is Catherine Campanella -Stearns my pronouns are she,her,hers.

I live in Benton County north of Corvallis. I have lived here for 30 years; and, moved here as I have more alignment of interests with the Corvallis community than I had when I lived in Linn County.

Our home is in a rural setting of 3 -5 acre lots west of Adair Village.

The area is bordered on three sides by recreational wild lands, research forests, or private logging including Oregon State Research Forest with Peavy Arboretum, McDonald State Forest, Dunn State Forest and E.E. Wilson Wildlife area which is operated by Oregon's Fish & Wildlife Department for recreational uses including hunting.

Oregon State University, Hewlett Packard and the Samaritan Health Network are probably the largest employers in our area. Adair Village offers more moderately priced rentals for workers than are found in the immediate Corvallis area.

We are situated about 3 miles south of the Polk County border. And, we are in Congressional District 5.

This has been a source of consternation for me. I have never perceived myself to have similar interests with farmers, ranchers and loggers. The greater Adair Village area has more in common with Corvallis and Benton County than with Polk, Marion, Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

We have transportation service to and from Corvallis routed through Adair Village

provided by the County. There are no public transportation services to areas north of us in Polk County nor to Salem in Marion County. Folks in this area go to Corvallis for the majority of their medical, consumer and business needs.

In terms of state house district lines, a lot of people are focusing on the fact that House District 23 doesn't seem to meet the "compactness" guidelines, as it spans several counties. Folks in Yamhill Co. don't seem to have a ton in common with folks all the way down in North Benton County which includes North Albany, and vice versa. House district 23 is expansive for no good reason.

When it is time to elect Congressional Representatives, I, as a Precinct Committee Person, am often asked why do we not get to vote for District 4's representative when we are so attached to Corvallis? Why do we not get to vote for the candidates our co-workers and fellow students vote for? We get the Corvallis newspaper. We are part of the Corvallis school district. Our volunteer fire department is associated with the Corvallis Fire Department. The area is serviced from the Corvallis Post Office. These are some of the facts I would like you, as our elected representatives, to take into consideration as you decide the new district boundaries. And, I am glad you are providing time for citizen input by encouraging community groups, Unions and other communities of interest to participate. Thank-you!