

**April 10, 2021**

**Good morning Chairs Taylor and Salinas and the rest of the members of the committee,**

**For the record my name is Tyler Gonzales-Aguirre and my pronouns are he and him.**

**I am advocating for the communities who historically are underrepresented in political power and underserved in District 3. Portland has many areas where folks can meet up, share space, connect, share art, protest, and support each other. The friendships that I have made in Portland have helped me understand a little bit more on how the county and state have historically left little to no support for Black and brown communities.**

**Folks in the spaces organizing mutual aid feel there is room for change, and we demand for representation to be showcased in our legislative bodies. With the current proceedings of redistricting, the committee's decision can directly affect how much power we have as BIPOC communities to be able to make the changes we seek. Redistricting leaves too much gray area for a commitment to transformative measures needed for the existing social issues our communities face. Maintaining BIPOC communities together in voting blocks would allow us to elect our community leaders who understand the struggle and who fight for the vision we reimagine in our organizing spaces.**

**We also hope that the committee plans to have more engagement and education with District 3's diverse and expansive communities. Thank you very much for your time.**