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Greetings,

Chairs Taylor and Salinas, Vice-Chairs Knopp and Boshart Davis, and Committee members

For the record, my name is Gabrielle Guidero. I live in the Springfield area, Congressional District 4, and I'm currently moving from House District 12 to 11. I have lived in Lane County for 34 years. I have been involved with local politics for most of my adult life, helping with bond measures and other local elections. I have served on several boards and commissions, as well. So, I am pleased to be able to testify today on redistricting.

Speaking generally about the house districts in Lane County. I have always felt like they could be drawn in a better way. First, I will start with the district that is 100% correct, House District 12, which is all of the city limits of Springfield. But, from seeing your presentation on population shifts, HD 12 will need more population added. I would add all the areas in the Springfield Urban Growth Boundary, currently in House District 11. That land will, over time, eventually become the city limits of Springfield. Then the two more truly rural districts that are partially in Lane County HD 7 and 9 seem mostly fine.

However, looking at Eugene, I would like to make the point that the City of Eugene is vastly overrepresented in 4 separate districts. Currently, I view HD 8, 11, 13, and 14 as Eugene-centric districts. All of the representatives that currently represent those districts live in Eugene. Since the origination of these districts in 2001, **every** representative has lived in Eugene from these 4 districts.

When looking at just purely numbers from the estimated population of Eugene, including the unincorporated lots in the River Road/ Santa Clara area, it's about 195,000. Looking again at your population shift presentation. It states that the "Oregon House Districts: Average Population Estimate: 68,830" that ought to be in each district. Of course, depending on new census data. But if you divide 195,000 by 68,830 you roughly get 2.8 "House Districts." So 4 house districts for Eugene seems a little overrepresented to me and appear to disproportionately disenfranchise rural voters.

When looking at those 4 districts I see a common design of scooping out areas of dense population and traversing into rural or less dense areas, lumping them all under

a single representative. While still giving urban Eugene a controlling percentage of voters.

I understand this is a tough job but I would really implore you to keep the districts as compact as possible in Eugene and look at natural boundaries such as the Willamette River when drawing on the north and south part of Eugene.

Making these changes would help create better district boundaries that more clearly represent communities of common interest, while still following the rest of the statutory guidelines.

Thank you for your time.

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