

Congressional District 2 – Summary of Oral and Written Comments, March/April 2021

Below is a summary of the oral and written public testimony received during the March and April public hearings on redistricting from residents of Congressional District 2. These summaries have been produced by staff and are not endorsed by the redistricting committees or individual members of the Legislative Assembly. Please note that the “key points” portion of each person’s testimony may not fully encompass all points made by the submitter and should only be used as reference.

This summary document is divided into four sections. Starting on pages 2 and 16 are the oral remarks received during the March 10 and March 20 public hearings. A written record created by a transcription program is included though it may not be fully accurate due to technological limitations. Therefore, please refer to the recorded video testimony, a link to which can be found on page 1 of this document. The link to a recording log document associated with the meeting is also included and can be used to find the time at which specific individuals testified.

Starting on pages 32 and 39 are summaries of written comments received during for the public hearing on March 10 and March 20. Again, summaries are included only for reference and the links can be used to view the full, unaltered testimony.

# Comments			Topic of Comments Provided
Total	Oral	Written	
41	13	28	Support for creation of independent redistricting commission
21	11	10	Bend and surrounding areas growing rapidly
20		20	Do not use gerrymandering when redrawing districts
20	5	15	Rural/natural resource areas are communities of interest
10	8	2	Hood River and Wasco County area
8		8	Maintain communities of interest
6	3	3	CD 2 is too large to be governed/represented effectively
6	2	4	Move Medford & Ashland from CD2 to CD4
5		5	Wait until Census data is available before drawing maps
4	2	2	Use alternative data sources to develop new maps
4		4	Public needs time to consider proposed maps
3		3	Maintain communities of color
3	2	1	Include Indigenous peoples in redistricting process
2		2	Do not combine Portland area and areas east of Cascades in districts
2	2		Baker County map ideas
2		2	Keep/put Ashland/Jackson and Bend/Deschutes into the same district
1	1		House District 33 concerns
1	1		Support for current redistricting process
1		1	Keep all of Milton-Freewater in a single legislative district
1		1	Keep Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes counties together
1		1	Eliminate the ‘Donut Hole’ district in Bend area
1		1	Put the Gorge region into a single district
1		1	Put Eagle Point in same district as Rogue Valley
1		1	Separate southern Oregon from eastern Oregon
1		1	Combine HD 57 with HD 59 and HD 58 with HD 60

1		1	Keep Lake County and Lakeview together
1		1	Put LaPine in district with Bend, not with Klamath Falls
1		1	Support for "Greater Idaho" movement
1		1	Opposition to "Greater Idaho" movement
1		1	Make as few changes as possible to existing maps
1		1	Start maps from scratch, rather than working off old maps

NOTE: For full text of oral comments, consult the video recording of the meetings:

--March 10 (5:30 PM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031049>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-10-17-30>

--March 20 (2:00 PM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031059>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-20-13-00>

NOTE: For (approximate) transcript of oral remarks and for full text of written comments, see summaries and links to testimony on following pages:

--Oral Remarks March 10 (5:30 PM): Pages 2-16

--Oral Remarks March 20 (2:00 PM): Pages 16-31

--Written Comments March 10 (5:30 PM): Pages 32-38

--Written Comments March 20 (2:00 PM): Pages 39-47

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 1 - March 10, 5:30 PM

Name: Rep. Mark Owens, HD 60

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Recognizes area not growing in population, may need to grow in area

Transcript: Salinas care taylor, appreciate the opportunity thirty to come in part of your committee and thank you. The committee members for the record. My name is Marco and is currently house district sixty state representative serving twenty three percent of the southeast corner to state. I appreciate being able to have these remote session and talk about the import is every district in is probably one of the biggest issues for our state in the last ten years. Re district news, very important. Making sure we can maintain that continuity of services by keeping our me areas hall. Our communities have grown in the last ten years across the state. We've had school without expansion and making sure that we can keep them geographically. Centered is very important to me. Majority of oregon and support this decision to be made by the people or the people. And I think we have a unique opportunity to embrace that this year as a sentence data is going to be delayed and when coming in, we're not going to be all work through the potentially in this legislative session. So there is an opportunity that we have not been given for multiple decades to involve people directly in his date of working in order to save money for not having to come into a special session in order to do the redistricting. And I believe there's a path for

currently this legislative session on h j r seven. That if we could support potentially amendments, we'd have a great path forward to our people to make the decision and potentially have more of a voice. As we've seen in cold weather we seen in remote testifying and sometimes our communities artist, constituents feel left out and it can't participate in the process adequately. I believe the legislative body we're starting to address that. We, this would be a great opportunity. House district, sixty it is quite large. And if we try to take channels or shoots off our foster three sixty in different parts to be bringing more population is going to be difficult to sixty years. And we're the ones that is not growing in populus and how to get larger. So thank you, jerry salinas to dana for the opportunity. I hope that we can support people making a decision or be people. Thank you much.

Name: Sen. Lynn Findley, SD 30

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Keep common economies, natural resources, etc. together
- Doesn't think 2011 lines necessarily correct

Transcript: Cheer taylor chair salinas. My stairs can oh my boss are davis and members of the committee for the record. My name is Lynn gillian. I serve as the state senate for senate district, thirty probably seventy eleven counties and eastern, oregon and central oregon and area and campus in thirty six percent of our great state and bordering four states. I think we're conducting this meeting as close as you can to congressional district to I'm here today to urge your support for a fair, non partisan approach of redrawing the legislature in congressional district. In Oregon. I represent the largest in the district in the state, which makes sense in aspect that the area I live in is the most scarcely populated of the state. I'm certainly glad that you doing This and not me. I appreciate your effort to applaud your efforts and you've got a tough road ahead of you. I encourage you to closely review cooperative ventures and partnerships between communities with an areas that have common economies, economic opportunities, workforce, and natural resources. Rural oregon is struggling economically and feeling very frustrated with the rural versus urban versus frontier labels. As you are all aware, several counties in my district are seriously considering succession discussions due to frustration levels. As you all know, if enough people perceive something, it soon becomes reality. What does it make sense? Are the lines that were drawn in two thousand and eleven? A quick check of a map. When you see my district, you could quickly understand in my district, goes from se oregon to central oregon up to columbia river with nor the story and cut out I understand the need for my district to real larger than district long. I five because of population issues, but our request careful attention to avoid making partisan decisions and would strongly support the formation of an independent district commission to move forward. I believe it is important that we wait until actual census data is available to be able to provide real numbers of population growth. In particular, in rural eastern oregon communities. We need to make sure every citizen is counted fairly and represented in this process. I, you know, I, I thank you for your service and your time. I sure wouldn't want your job. I appreciate the opportunity have a good day and if I can answer any questions, i'd be happy to.

Name: Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

Key Points:

- Natural resources are important for community she represents
- Supports using independent commission

Transcript: For the record, i am representative bobby levy from util. County and I represent utila union will allow counting in northeastern oregon. This is the far this most northern districts from salem and a natural based economy. Natural resource base economies are, are, are driving force. Thank you for granting myself and members of my district, the opportunity, divorce, or concerns about the reduced or team process tonight. Throughout all of these public testimonies. For each district, you will hear arguments regarding communities of common interest. What differentiates rural and urban values. The process that legislator should play and drawing their lines, but I'm here today to plead our case, allowing partisan politics to draw district lines directly leads to the distressed in our democracy. When you allow party politics to choose their voters, you get jerry mander districts that neither guaranteed communities have common interest, or insure high values of confidence and state politics. The only way to ensure trust in the system, transparency and fairness, is to appoint an independent commission to derive these lines. At the end of the day, where all oregonians and or I go and you want to be able to trust the democratic process. But if we allow party politics to shape the way the democratic process works, we will continue to deepen and divide the rural and urban east and west and will all be worse off because of it do is what is right for all of our going in and keep the system honest, transparent, independent, thank you for your time this evening and the I you have any questions? I'd be happy to answer them.

Name: Rep. David Brock Smith, HD 1

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission

Transcript: Thank you madam chair and members of the community. I really don't have much to add it's kind of funny. I've gone through this multiple times. I know my or the legislative district. I guess if I did it, had any council for the committee, it would be focused on rep will be on my work together to figure out what history should look like. For ne store, again, you have a heavy job on your shoulders. I know you mat interior please know that I'm here to serve in any way possible and to assist as you go through this decision making. I wish you a lot in by the way, it's very kind of you to let me sit on the panel this evening have a great evening. Thank you and we will be looking for you to you for for guidance. Thank you.

Name: Rep. Jason Kropf, HD 54

Key Points:

- Bend is a growing area
- Infrastructure, housing, environmental issues are important
- Engage BIPOC communities, Census may undercount these communities

Transcript: Good evening and thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am jason crump, representative from how six fifty four which incumbents is most thank you again to let me testify on this incredibly critical process that you're undertaking and thank you for the virtual visit to the side of the mountains and letting fall from the side of the mountain be heard early in this process. You have an

opportunity live here and ben since two thousand and three, and I've been honored to be able to serve my community as a public defender deputy attorney. And now the state representative, and I'll be forever grateful that I've been able to raise my family here and bend oregon. As you can imagine, i've seen a ton of change here in bed in central oregon in the time I lived here. We are a rapidly expanding community, hence the brown dot on your map from the presentation just for context in two thousand and had approximately fifty two thousand people in fast forward. Today we are well over one hundred thousand people from that growth we have seen and expanding local economy. We've seen an emerging critical for university and ongoing dedication to becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community. We've also seen numerous challenges posed by that growth. The need to expand infrastructure to meet expanding needs, tackling or housing crisis, and protecting our environment for today and the future team just a few of the challenges Because of this growth, the redistricting process is particularly poignant for central warping and bending federal organ continue to grow it's critical that our community and all of these have meaningful representation and that our values are heard and say on and in Washington d. C. I would also urge that the committee to continue to look for meaningful ways to engage communities of color, immigrant communities, travel communities, and more in this process couple that with the realization that census data historically under counselors, communities, we know that the way these districts are drawn will have an immense impact on equity justice represent representation for the next decade to come. I appreciate both of these legislative committees taking on this issue and I wish you the best in this endeavor. Thank you very much for allowing me to testify this evening.

Name: City Councilor Peter Hall, Haines/Baker County

Key Points:

- Supports connecting Baker to Union and Wallowa counties in House and/or Senate district
- For sixth CD, take Josephine and Jackson counties out of CD 2 and give them their own district

Transcript: We can ok, so peter hall, i am the city counsellor and have oregon baker county. Just wanted to put my two cents in. I would appreciate it if in the district process, if you could somehow connect baker county with union and our county, that's really kind of what we connect to sort of the with our below a mountain district. If you can put us into a house district and maybe you can put us together in the senate district, i think it kind of goes together much more than trying to push us over there to madras has what his family said. It doesn't really make much sense to have us. We don't feel the connection to bad just for sure. And also in it for some reason, congressional district, if we get an extra district, maybe you can take out jackson, josephine county, out of cd to I think they would appreciate being in a more of a southwestern oregon district, as opposed to being with us over here eastern oregon. Thank you for your listening to me

Name: Rebecca Sandoval, Medford/Jackson County

Key Points:

- Likes the process in Oregon overall and public engagement process
- Spend time educating and engaging the public

Transcript: For the record. My name is Rebecca sandeval. My pronouns are she's her hers and I live in medford and work at home Care workers, a profession know a calling that I love. I follow my daughter in her family to southern oregon from southern indiana. These to part to the country, to not be more different geographically politically and culturally. I realize right away that movie to southern oregon was like moving to heaven. I knew that I belong here right away. The beauty of the state, the people and political environment are exactly what I had been longing for all my life. I plan to stay here until I die. Thank you for hearing public testimony about redistricting. I am grateful that oregon uses this deliberative process that you seek input from the public and then like, unlike many other states, we do not have a long history of parson gerrymandering. I think that is because our system includes many checks and balances like that if the legislature is unable to agree on the district boundaries or runs out of time, there is a backup plan to the secretary of state to draw the line. And that all of these re districting plans can very likely will be checked through the court. Our system works and I appreciate that you are committing to making it work by listening to the public. There are a lot of special things about southern oregon. One of my favorite things is a political diversity. I feel like my voice matters here. I never felt that way in Indiana, which is very frustrating because I love i know that having representatives who understand what makes this region special is important to share in the community get the funding and resources needs to thrive. As we recover from the corona virus pandemic, and the devastating wildfires of last season, please continue listening to the public and working hard to engage or who are often overlooked when it comes to political participation and representation like low income and working oregonian black indigenou people color immigrants and non english speakers because of the census the way the legislature has an unprecedented opportunity to spend more time educating and engaging the public to share and to evaluate more types and layers of population and demographic data. And may make this a truly participatory process. But only if you start now by deeply engaging the public and helping to understand what is that play rather than sitting on our hands until the census data arrives. I look forward to continuing to watch and participate in your work. And I'm exciting to watch how you continue to working people in this process. Thank you very much for your time. And I'm certainly available. Ask and answer any questions.

Name: Mimi Alkire, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Concerns that partisan redistricting process can be used to curtail voting

Transcript: Good evening, chair and members of the district committee. My name is mimi I higher and I'm representing the lead women voters. She's county in the week sense, november twenty twenty election state lawmakers acost across the country, a dozen pieces of legislation to limit voter access. These include imposing more aggressive motor id laws and voted purging policies and throttling back on vote by mail options and no excuse absentee voting and automatic voter registration. Planning informing voting districts to get another way. State governments can legally restrict and or dilute the legal voters is a fiercely non partisan organization and we believe responsibility for re districting should be bested in an independent special commission with voters choosing the representatives, not the representatives, choosing their rotors, we support a transparent, accountable redistricting process and promote all policies that would in hyper partisan practices that do not benefit constituents. Of course, sorting districts must have equal population size, but they must also have geographic boundaries that

follow permanent and easily recognizable geographic features. Fulfill voting rights act. Provisions in promot combated competitiveness and partisan fairness in oregon's past, we've seen allowing lead the way to choose their voters does not work in favor of individual voting rights and access. We advocate for a constitutional amendment that would repeal the legislative model in favor of an independent commission. This commission should be created with non elected, multi partisan citizens who do not have an inherent conflict of interest in drawing district lines. I thank you so much for this opportunity to express the views of the many members of the lead women voters and tissues county.

Name: Joanne Mina, Central Oregon

Key Points:

- Large Latino population in Deschutes/Jefferson/Crook counties
- Latino community avg age of 28; many born in US, 20 thousand plus
- Don't divide this community of interest

Transcript: Joanne mina named. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback all the way from Central oregon. Latinos in central oregon are strong and resilient or let the next family, most of central oregon or ten years ago. And we're proud to be part of the community. Let the next people contribute to the economy and social wealth of our region. Our communities, young, an average age of the latino community is about twenty years old. And about two thirds of my pianos in central oregon are born in the US. Latinos experience poverty and higher rates that the right counterpart and yet we fulfill essential job in farming, manufacturing, construction, health Care, and social assistance. The let, the next population has grown from a few townsend's in the nineties to over twenty thousand tro. Across all of the central oregon, i were region as united in commerce, culture and values. During twenty twenty, we saw our community growling together in general for the control women, much in redmond, after the killing of george floyd racial justice. In prime though, I'm across the region united us around the common value. Pick a nice in the humanity and value of black people. I'm, are we so strong wings in codeword? emma jane, many homes and you weren't. And the home many didn't have insurance or the insurance been either claimed. And he was an independent living next contract or from ben that offered to help in families free of cough. When I sterilized our immigrant neighbors in been all of central, oregon came together to fan in solitary. We are together helping our warm springs neighbors to the water crisis on top of the kobe crisis. I know the historic abuse is already suffered by the community, from Health Care to homelessness, from early childhood education, to college preparedness organizations across the region, work serve and should jefferson County were stronger because we're united. And in order to hear clearly the voices of under our community, we must not be bided. Central, oregon is not what used to be. We are byron and reach and bold because of the people that make our community where we're defining the line of our district. All of us will be counted. Twenty twenty says the better model, be county, and central oregon must not be divided. What's up knowledge? historically, the process of district teen has been used to the empower communities of color, oregon house and senate must make clear actions that demonstrate that in Oregon. Democracy and justice are for all. Thank you.

Name: Alex McHaddad, La Grande/Union County

Key Points:

- Concerns that HD 33 is gerrymandered
- Ensuring that districts are competitive, compact, and represent communities of interest should be high priority

Transcript: Good evening madam chair, taylor and share. So this members of the committee for the record, my name is Alex mccadden, i am sure of union county republicans and a resident of Grand oregon. Now in twenty nineteen your colleague, senator michael jumbo made the following remarks about legislative walk up not position to cap and trade. We noted the voters want us to be creating this program. Every legislator that was in a contested race in twenty eighteen ran on this issue. The governor ran on this issue. We picked up seats and both chambers in part over this issue. I want to review some facts about the twenty eighteen election in twenty eighteen democrats, one thirty eight seats, and eleven sentences in forty house seats. Democrats at voter registration vantage over republicans, and an average of nine thousand three hundred fifty seven point one. Three republicans had a voter registration advantage over democrats and just twenty house seats at an average of five thousand one hundred sixty point five. Fourteen house. The senate democratic voter registration managed greater than ten thousand versus just one house district with republican voter registration advantage house district forty three. The most gerry mandate in Oregon had a democratic voter registration advantage of around thirty one thousand and accurate, almost thirty five thousand and twenty twenty decades of partisan re districting has resulted in a system where the majority party picks and chooses their voters. Speaker, co tech and president courtney both use the power of their office to deny the people that are having non partisan reaching process implemented to ensure their elections. We have a system that arise equal footing for voters to choose the candidates who can best represent the issues they care about. As sort of the current system were politicians with hyper partisan agendas, choose the voters who best support them. Since the authorities and Dr. District match remains with the legislature prior to all of you to look beyond your electoral interest in ensure that as many districts as possible are equally divided by voters of all political affiliations. Differences in partisan affiliation should be in a hundred of the dozens, not the tens of thousands communities should be group and industry districts based on compactness and common interests, not the maximum number of voters affiliate a majority party. This is the only road forward to unity and honest policy making. Really thank you for your time and I want you to know it will be praying for all of us to make these tough decisions have a wonderful night. Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth Turner, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Prefers that Blue Mountains/Baker City areas be kept together
- Need more balanced districts
- Concerned by lack of conservative representation

Transcript: Thank you. I'm not going to turn my video on because my lighting is not good man's your committee. Thank you for your news. And a lot of my comments would be just to support what's already been said. This is really early in the process. I haven't been involved in re districting before. So I've been really listening to what's been being said, I think what sen extremely said about common values. And redistricting, the person who was just on I agree with them that in eastern oregon it doesn't make sense

to separate out a couple areas over in the blue mountains and you're baker city and then have somebody clear at the far southern, closer me better represented by being with the people who are truly next to them, it's a long stretch at the clear to the South West corner. But I think, I think what's most important to me in the D O. M. O, but I do think that in this re, district being a better needs to be some independent involvement along with the legislature involved in trying to ensure that the district are more balanced in number of votes and trying to we're lines are redrawn trying to right to draw them in a way that you are including people of like culture and values and not Taking things in or out that really don't match up with what's in the bigger group. And I think this issue is hugely important that the lines are drawn more fairly than they may be, are right now. And I have often felt in Oregon and even with my contacts, i stay, i talk with senator family, I comment on everything. I also comment on one other stand often and, and yet I would have to say that a lot of times we just feel overwhelmed by the lack of representation that conservatives have in the we're not interested in being unfair. But I do believe that our voices are being heard very well. And I would like to see that change show that our voices are heard. And, and that would be my biggest statement i think is just please consider that we do all rights and they're important. And we want to be involved, and we would like to think that when we take the time to really be involved that we're for. So I thank you and I hope that will have later on in their practice. So thank you very much.

Name: Mike McArthur, Sherman County

Key Points:

- Had questions about committee process that were answered by staff

Transcript: hanks for the opportunity. I'm chair and in the joint committee redistricting, it's good to see many of you and all of you actually many of you that I know I'm a resident of sherman county, mike macarthur's. I actually have some questions and I wonder if you me to ask But the process of the redistricting. Sure. And yeah, and if yes, and maybe the committee trader can go ahead and send it In please. Dr to I should go talk to patrick later about this point, but I think these are questions that others might be curious on their taylor. Did you have an opinion on this? Well, I just wanna make sure we're not treating one person differently than the other members. Who are trying to find, and I think mr. McArthur, i just want to be sensitive to that I have no problem having information disseminated if you want to. But I want to make sure we're not using up your time. Also, if you want to go ahead and submit the questions, we can have staff answer if there's something or if you want that to be part of your testimony, that's your choice. But let's let the clock start again. I don't mind, I sure we're not retreating all. We made a commitment that we're treating everyone who testifies even the elected three minutes and they everyone the same. So that's something that I want to make certain that we can honor if that makes sense. Then sure. I think my question is pretty simple proceed So when do you expect to get the census data that will allow you to begin making the maps September thirtieth. Okay. And how will those maps be composed or how, how was the process for getting those nav strong? Which we expect to go through the third kind of typical legislative process. If the supreme court allows us additional time and allows us that works on the man Who puts the marks on the map. Well, who will draw up a man? Well, if we're given again, permission to go beyond the constitutional deadline, there will be the legislature, but actually there must be some technicians that helped or mean the actual mapmakers omitted. Or last you want to answer these questions. I can try it. Sure. We, we have hired the staff has heard a specialist, kevin ram sick, who specializes in using software and drawn maps for purposes like this. And so I said the

committee will provide the criteria for going to snaps Yes, the crate. So the criteria is based on the federal constitution and federal law. The state constitution as well as the Oh, thank you, that's for you. I'm sorry to bring those out. I was curious. What are you sure. I understand that you've got a terrible balance going and let me give you an example of that. I live in germany, county. We're in center district twenty nine and fifty seven. However, our community of interest in transportation or the west. But I have a relationship with both of these folks represent us. They do a great job. Although one hundred miles from my house, if you know that that's the dilemma that you're basing. And I, you know, sometimes I think maybe the boundaries are important. It's relationships. So thank you for good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. McArthur.

Name: Rhiannon Kerr, Klamath Falls

Key Points:

- Area tends to be conservative but do have a progressive core
- Feels loss of timber industry, never fully recovered from 08 recession
- Ensure every district represented by local comm leaders
- If we have other data sets to use while waiting for census, then should begin process and allow people to inform process

Transcript: So co chairs taylor and salinas and buy shares can No and bo chart davis the members of the redistricting committee. I really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today about re districting for the record. My names, re and kerr, and I have been klamath falls for twenty two years. My entire family lives in rural easton, oregon. All the way from claire falls to Long crick to mountain water and clear over to invoice orient. I'm here because of the importance of redistricting and its impact on me. My family, my neighbors and my neighbors over the next ten years. Given the state your I would like to tell you about klamath falls, in particular because I've called this place home for forty two years. Grammar fall was a beautiful area for the outdoor recreation from hiking and biking, and I'm fishing and hunting as diverse as our outdoor recreation. And so to our, our, our community members who included migrant workers, native americans, caucasians, and hispanics are political affiliations, tend to lead conservative. However, we have a very strong progressive core. We are humble community that has felt a lot of the temper industry and has never fully recovered from the two thousand and the recession as high paying jobs have last southern oregon. We value both education and trade industry, even though trade jobs continue to decline in our area. This committee has been given the opportunity to not only listen to residents of our vast state, but also to respond to each of us and our unique needs. One way to accomplish this is to ensure that people in every district are being really represented by their local community leaders. It is important to me that we not only reflect on the, the current values of each community, but to start the conversation on what the lines might look like in order to have solutions. So I ask you, do we have other data sets that we can use while we wait for the census? And so then honestly the time is now, I think it is important for us to begin using that information, allowing oregonian from all parts of the state. The ability to inform the process redistricting could have a significant impact on rural communities like clinical and it's information is critical as we make informed decisions that impact the lives of myself. My family and my neighbors look forward to working with this committee and the organ legislature and our community to ensure that redistricting engages the claimant's basin and that at respond to our growing needs. Thank you very much. And I love that this is just like my classroom. Thank you.

Name: Nathan Soltz, Medford

Key Points:

- Harney County is very large
- Easy to think of each district as homogenous but doesn't see Eugene as southern Oregon or Bend as eastern Oregon
- CD 2 is very large, hope to have representative closer

Transcript: Hello madam chair, chair may not chair Taylor, members of the committee for the record. My name is Nathan said, the pronouncing him and his I am the chair of the democratic party of Oregon second congressional district committee in which capacity I also served as the presidential elector from the second district last year for voted closure. I am also a sen, products, cheaper staff, but I want to be clear that I am not speaking in that capacity. Actually just left the Capital drive down the street to the Marion County Democrats office to be certain. I was born and raised in Medford where I continue to live. I've been a resident, the CD to my whole life, and I love the district. We are Oregon's largest district, more than four times the size of the next largest district, CD four. Where are the seven part of the district in the country, the second largest district that isn't in the higher state and back city to is more area than thirty states taking up more land in Florida, Missouri, Oracle, Homa, with slightly less land at the North Dakota or Washington, it's hard for people to fathom and just how large we are. When I talk to my colleagues to share the other four CD committees, I like to remind them that just one of the issues twenty counties, Pardon County, is almost twice the size of the entire district. More than three times the size of the first and about ten times the five. The third that one county is about the size of the state of Massachusetts. When Dryden district boundaries the eager to see how to ended up the giant in the Oregon, one, nine hundred Cistern County plus Jackson and the small part of Josephine making it on the southwest. It's pretty clean the drawn district. The reason I talk so much about the size of our district is because it can be easy to think of organ districts as being more or less modular. There are many you think of any place in the metro county of Portland, but also those who think of Eugene us, I'm in Oregon are banned eastern Oregon and to be very clear and none of those are cracked. But C, D, U is special and insight as well. I know it can seem like and is a long drive to get from the side to help grow or Newport to what birds were Brookings to G, or even just stay in Johnstown hood. I would encourage you to take the drive from Medford to Enterprise. It is a truly gorgeous trip, but also in a downing the long run about ten hours drive time and you never leave CD too. I'm sure, Senator Henson has a pretty good idea of what I'm talking about by his commit to a Dr. I'm similar distance to mind for Med heard by the he enjoys better scenery and a higher speed limit than I do. It's almost guarantee that CD to binds will change drastically with an expected six district. It's pretty hard to draw six to search about taking him signed out of the second. And while I love the second ad, that is, I'm looking forward to getting a fix, which will shrink our science and allow for our great, diverse plethora communities to have a representative which might be closer to home. Go here from I have heard from folks at March fourteenth about the specifics of their communities from across the district. But I just wanted to take the time to say that I hope you will use the opportunity of organ, gaining a much needed six to three to help better the representation of current city to your residence in congress. Thank you, madam chair. The members of the committee at your time and commitment to this important process.

Name: Barbara Klein, Ashland/Jackson County

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Asks for Ashland not to be separated from Bend
- Combining Ashland with Roseburg or Coos Bay while keeping Bend in eastern Oregon CD would be cracking the district and create overwhelmingly safe district
- Need more competition in districts

Transcript: Good evening, madam chairs, base chairs and members of the committee. My name is Barbara Klein and I'm a resident of Ashland in the second congressional district. Third, senate and house I submitted written testimony already. So I'm just going to highlight a few points here. And I must start with thanks for these hearings and your attentiveness to the public before moving to Oregon, I was very involved with the independent redistricting commission in Arizona, which I outlined in my written testimony. I think it's fair to say that much of the structure proposed in Oregon is superior to that of Arizona. And I hope and request that you support placing this option on the Oregon ballot. In the meantime, I would encourage you to implement a citizens advisory committee now they've been used for other issues and doing so for the redistricting process would be useful and, and provide more trust for the system. And I say this without diminishing the work or the intent of the committee members from a more personal point of view, my congressional district is large, which you just heard all about from the border of California to the border of Washington. I'm not so sure that size is necessarily a problem for the voters and the district does tend to keep some communities of interest together. But I'm an independent voter and this particular district, the entire eastern Oregon does not have a lot of representation for a diverse crowd. I do hope we get an extra seat in Oregon. I know we do, but that doesn't mean this district is going to change to avoid a total lack of political views in the district. I would ask that it at the very least Ashland where I live is not separated from Bend and Coos Bay. The only other area in, in district to that is clearly one to share different values of arts and outdoor environmental issues. And is a bit more left leaning, combining Ashland with Coos Bay or Roseburg. But then also keeping Bend within the large eastern region would be two examples of cracking in redistricting terms. It would also produce an overwhelmingly safe district without short shift to the other criteria. I believe competition in our districts, wherever possible would give our voters more choice and more trust. And I thank you again for hearing these testimonies.

Name: Paul Anderes, Union County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Wait for Census data to arrive before undertaking redistricting
- Use independent commission

Transcript: Thank you chair Salinas chair Taylor sen, hands or representatives Smith, members of the committee. I'm Paul Andras' Union County Commissioner and I will be very brief. My suggestion would be to wait for the census data data so that we can make informed decisions a point and or elect an independent committee. And well, I realize there are statutory and constitutional issues involved here. I think that is about thank you for your time this evening.

Name: Todd Nash, Wallowa County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Wallowa County is rural and based on natural resources and tourism
- Consult with county commissioners during redistricting process

Transcript: members, as a committee for the record, my name was todd nash and will our county commissioner and currently service chair of the board of commissioners here. Well, our county is a natural resource based community. We have a three legged economy consist of timber that come in from private and for service, most agriculture, a grange, livestock, and tourism. Though, so how is the largest wilderness in the state of oregon? And we welcome three hundred seventy two thousand people to our small community last summer at our state Park. Here For largest town is two thousand people here in need. A price and in the tardy of the county. We have seven thousand people. Space down here, we have about three hundred and twenty acres per person in this county Where border states and in ne, oregon. We border washington and we and idaho. We share the snake river with idaho, as long as, as well as some of the neighbors to the South of us here in Oregon. Our nearest freeway is seventy six miles from enterprise. Once we had the freeway were a half hour to baker city or forty five minutes to pendleton our nearest airport nurse. Major air Force is is boise, and we talk in terms of hours more than we do in miles about four hours away. Portland, it's five hours away. We've lost a lot of our infrastructure. We have no major sawmills here or other rock commodities are percent out and, and not further processed here in this community. Bang, get arm or go some of the other things that I've written down here. The last thing I want to say is, I hope that there is consideration to consult with us as commissioners and the importance of how this ends up. We represent communities and we are a long ways away from salem and make a lot of seven our trips to get there. And it is important for us to be represented well there. But as you see, the massive size of these districts out here. It's important that we shoulder up to our representatives, both state and federal. And so thank you for your time and I appreciate further communication from this body as we go forward in the special status. We haven't commissioners. Thank you.

Name: Mitchell Lira, Warm Springs Indian Reservation

Key Points:

- Indigenous communities need representation

Transcript: Hello everyone. Good evening. My names require my english even name is mitchell. I just say I'm from the wall Street in your reservation, and I also wonder, mind folks that all land is indigenous land. So no matter where you are tonight, think about what man you're occupying. Because before you're enjoying wherever you're sitting like that land came out a price and that price is ultimately wise, please think about those things. Women and Children might so the, the starbucks you enjoy, all the things that you enjoy every day. It came out a price, think about that Google do was free loan to think about what land you occupy. And so thank you madam chair and the committee side and start with that. But I grew up in one strings. I live in thirty biggest district in Oregon. I lived here my whole life and I think I left the district when I was in high school just because there's a lack of representation. And I think a lack of, I think people that represent values and beliefs from my community to think. I think a lot of the time I felt like it was I was a problem, but I didn't really realize that a lot of folks that were around me who raised this for Texas and they did, and I do also need So I understand that governance has erased, and the people that we see, they're not, they're not spaces and that represent people like me, people

where I'm from. And so I think we need it for a reputation at the table and people from just can use our skills and they are, they are capable leaders. And we're always having to convince people why people that we are capable and when and when people are, why are the ones that are better in these positions that are sex federal racism, we have to humanize them, believe that we're human and that we know what we're talking about we're doing and so I just think it's important to listen to your people and communities when you're thinking about redistricting and that representation is on the first step like this. It's, it's long overdue. And so thank you for your time and have a good night.

Name: Karen Carlin, Wasco County

Key Points:

- Confused about redistricting process, whether it is connected with “greater Idaho” movement

Transcript: When can I, I don't have A statement say, but I would like to ask the question, i've looked at the read district being map for the last several months and I've never seen was co county included in that is why go county in back included in this re district redistricting or greater Or Mr. Brandon, you want to answer that verification. I the last part, the question. It's like you said greater idaho you for the whole, for the redistricting situation, i've never seen y county included and it could be that I'm, you know, looking at different mapping but I have not seen one go county included is one county because it's in district two is included in the redistricting. That is correct. Right? Yes, that would be correct. Ok. Ok. Thank you. I just wanted to confirm that because I wasn't sure because I had looked at some mapping that did not seem to included at one point. So I was a little confused about that, so thank you for clarifying You're welcome.

Name: Nicole Chaisson, Wasco County

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Keep Wasco county together

Transcript: Hello cares and committee for the record. My name is Nicole chase and I live in wasco county, oregon in the beautiful columbia gorge area. Historically, wasco county stretch the rocky mountains at one time. Are you not glad you don't have to read the district that area. This is going to make it much easier. I also to be open to creating an independent commission, a body of citizens, not elected officials. There was some talk about when time it was to, there was a petition going around where would be to, from the democratic party to, from the republican party and to from the independent parties. This will, this can be invest with authority to draft and implement electoral district maps and that they will consult with the counties. This will keep the process fair and transparent. And as a non partisan as possible, it is important to keep community as a common interest. Like my county together, they are bound by farming ranching, timber and rural values. Our state needs to be a pillar over the other states in their gross gerrymandering. Unfortunately, in twenty eleven, this happened to oregon. We can only do better and now is our chance. I hope that you'll do the right thing for all rural oregonians. Thank you for your time. And thank you for your time this evening. Alright. Do we have candice from lake view with us? All right, do we have jan hammock or Or linda And linda is from clackamas county, so she may be on the wrong evening. Okay. Alright. If not, then it looks like last one

up. May be Rosella Pogue, and before Rosella goes, I just also want to make clarification because I think just for Ms. Cheese and it sounded like she was a little bit confused around kind of Wasco County. We don't have any map. So any maps that have been shown that are really maps from twenty eleven and then any of the maps that we are showing tonight are kind of maps that are looking at kind of projections, but we don't actually have any numbers yet from the census. So yeah, but the entire state is going to we will redraw maps for legislative district boundaries as well as congressional district boundaries for the entire state.

Name: Betsy Hege, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Has concerns with current districts, supports starting fresh
- Potentially supports independent commission using Colorado as model
- Keep Wasco County whole, currently split between districts

Transcript: Me Ok. Hey girl Oregon. Yeah. Sorry. Hey, I had to say, I think we talked about having many lines very drawn in I think south and that if we continue with the current boundaries, we're just going to perpetuate the problem that we have now, which is unbalanced representation. And if we just expand or tweak the boundary line, we'll just perpetuate the problem and we don't want to do what we end doing. We need to probably take a fresh look and I'm not sure how you get that done with the census data and the delays. But if there is a possibility of an independent commission, I think that would be the best thing at this point because of the imbalance intellectual nature. And that, that if you had an independent commission like Colorado has it, nobody could find a finger. And I think it would be fair, I think voters understand it would be fair and I think that we'd get better boundary. Although one last go county, I have two reps and two senators. So that's kind of fun. But because of that odd blind that was drawn down one ninety seven, I don't know what the difference between the field on the right is in the field on the left, but it will prevent those oddities in in the bound. Yeah. So I would just encourage independent commission, I'm not sure how you get that done, but if that's possible, I would advocate and I and I both secretary of state candidates so that that was okay. Love. Love to see that.

Name: Brand Bennington, Medford/Jackson County

Key Points:

- Concerned that rural Oregon don't feel voices are being heard
- Doesn't support gerrymandering

Transcript: Brad Bennington, Jackson County, Oregon. Yes, thank you. Madam Chairman, members of the committee, Brad Bennington, Jacksonville, Oregon Jackson, County course, Oregon CD to native born Oregonian and third generation Oregonian. I remember back in two thousand one when believe it or not, the Republicans had a majority in the house and the senate and the Democrats are the ones that walked out on redistricting discussion suddenly been around long enough to remember that. And oddly enough, or secretary state Bill Bradbury had a maps drawn up, which kinda wanna be in the basis for where we are today. And this may sound like a little bit of a non sequitur this way. I remind folks that the last Republican governor that we had was the got elected nine hundred eighty two This. This is a really, really important piece of business that you folks are working on. And I would just really encourage with everything that is in me, that those of you to are engaging this work. Remember that there is more to

oregon than just portland, and salem. And it's not about power. It's about representative government where people really do believe that their views, in a way that they see the world is being accurately represented by people go to salem and do the business of this state. I'm going to give all of you the benefit of the doubt that you're doing the very best you can represent the folks that you serve. I will tell you something ac folks probably know which is there are a whole lot of people in rural oregon who don't feel or knows that our voices are being heard very well right now. And they haven't been heard very well for quite a while. So this is just my request to all of us you engage is work. Please set aside partisanship. Set aside this, the say we got the tower. Now we're going to make sure the republican stay in the super minority for, for as long as the sun comes up in the morning. And please just remember that this se only works the way it's supposed to when everybody has the voices they're supposed to have. Madam chairman, members of the committee, thank you very, very much for entertaining our comments to see me. I'm very, very grateful for your attention.

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 2 - March 20, 2:00 PM

Name: Sen. Chuck Thompson, SD 26

Key Points:

- District stretches from Portland into Hood River
- The two areas don't have much in common

Transcripts: I'm chuck thompson and state center district twenty six and I want to thank the committee for doing this on the weekend and Sure, taylor chair salinas vice chair can open vice turbo chart chart name. So my chest going date, I want to start out like this is for the district to which I'm I have a couple different congressional districts, but I'm going to just try and both of them. But part of part of my district are a big chunk of my district. I represent se for one, the real se for them when, when people think se for one know think about two se foreman. What do you think they're thinking? I'm sure they're thinking about chuck thompson, that terrible or state center from hood river. Probably not. But I know when I would knock doors in those district over the last The two times that I've, I've land As just the way it is, but I didn't produce myself delmore, i'm from. And they was look at me with the strangest look and go. You're from heard river and you're my state senator. I yeah, yeah. And I'm here to represent you. And I think a lot of people think, you know, east a two, five, two, five, three way that goes through their, his out these for one. And that's where I serve. Generally east one fifty second. Division street is one northern border and how is another? And this is a very diverse urban region says I actually voted in favor of adding to district twenty six, ten years ago. And I really liked folks there and great people. At the time I voted for the two thousand and ten, we just strictly plan comedian for me. But they were prioritizing areas of common interest, geographical at their mom, a transit and community areas and interest. And while I'm happy who continue serving se portland, i must say happening represented them for ten years. I just don't think they have much in common with the rest of my district, if anything at all, and call me other than being great people and residing an oregon. I try hardest to my constituents, but I've been told several times that people would hesitate to contact me when they saw I lived in hood

river and they realize it, it is what it is. But I just think for an urban area to be served by someone so far away, it just doesn't seem right. And likewise, if the rule area is on my district, i'm sure would feel similar. Should there, sen. And I'll just say real quick out of the shop, these forms on I sure, at least you can say foster eventually turns and leads into to damascus. Division and pal deny in two thousand and ten. Perhaps there was a need to add more residents for my district. I do not believe that need exists anymore. I think area needs to be replaced by another district. All on division area. And the one that makes the most sense is probably se four hundred. Thank you. Very much committee and good luck today.

Name: Rep. Kim Wallan, HD 6

Key Points:

- Medford split into too may House districts, should be two instead of three
- Supports using independent commission for redistricting

Transcript: Chair and members of the committee. I'm going to set my own timer so that I can stay within the timeframe. I am this, they are present from kim wall and I'm state representative from house district six, which is most of medford. And I say most to make the point A similar point to one senator thompson was just making ten years ago in this district was drawn the size needed to be around sixty nine thousand. And metro at that time was about eighty thousand population. And it isn't very different today I just looked on that map and the presentation in mine is zero to twenty four hundred. That needs to be increased. So we're about eighty thousand still. So at the time I line could have been drawn that would have slice off some of measure, but let most of it whole that instead two lines were drawn. So one seed rep is represented by a person who has four other counties in that district. And one part of the city of medford is represented by someone who has four other cities in that district. So the people of medford who clearly have a common interest because they all live within the city boundaries are represented by three different people. Now there is a line, an existing school board line that could have been used to potentially, potentially, i'm not sure what happened ten years ago, I was watching this process then, but potentially ten years ago, one line could have been drawn rather than two. So my number one pitch is for the community of common interest in southern oregon in medford is medford needs to be as closely allied as possible. And there is a school board line that's ironically in kind of slices off a bit of medford. But people know that line, they know that one side of that is one school district and the other side is the school district. And that's true for other kinds lines as well. Water district, fire districts, that kind of thing and other parts of the state. But in medford, which I know there's a school district line that could potentially be used if even check changes be made. And I would argue they do just because why are three people representing this one city? So that's one point. My other point is about this idea of using a I'm independent commission, which I was dead again when I first heard about it. But my thinking on that has changed somewhat. And it does seem to me that people who are well on the one hand is a political process and the politicians who probably do it. On the other hand, people who have the ability to draw themselves in or out of the district are inherently conflict. And so in law that would be a non wave will conflict, you would not be able to carry on if you had a conflict that glaring. So I would urge that committee to see if there's some way to allow an independent commission to make these decisions back. Thank you very much for your time and I'll move on.

Name: Scott Hege, Wasco County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Concerned about shape of some districts in and around Wasco County
- Don't consider political affiliation during redistricting

Transcript: My name is Scott heavy, i am actually the chair of the law school county commission. I'm here just to make comments on the re district team. I I, I did not have your title, i apologize. Oh, that's fine. No problem. I just wanted to, I just, I just wanted to state it for the record. I'm not here on behalf of the commission. I'm just a commissioner for was to county, so I want to make that clear as well. But I did want to make a few comments. I guess the first thing is in terms of the redistricting, you know, our districts are kind of crazy if you look at like, you know, if you look at kind of how, what they look like, it's a good question or I was asked, why does it look like that, it seems to be a little crazy. We used to have kind of a much more simple district that was kind of our many counties put together county that we typically have a lot of coordinated services as well. And that is not necessarily the case today. However, I will say that I do appreciate the fact that I have two senators and two representatives to represent in the county. So I, I feel like for our county, we have a good representation. But I guess the main thing I would like to comment on is that hopefully when you're doing this, it's not a political football. I know it always seems to become that. But I think that if there's a way that you can kind of take a step back, look at the population, look at all of the things that are kind of in the statute in terms redistricting and not look at the political affiliations in those districts. Because frankly, i think that's, that should be not part of your decision. You really shouldn't be. Honestly, you shouldn't even know that. I mean, the, the best way to do this would be if you looked at it completely without political affiliations and just look at population and all the other elements that you're supposed to be looking at re district can. If you can do that, if you can do that without you know, becoming political, i think that will be the best way that you can serve this redistricting for the population of the state of oregon. So I hope you can do that. I hope that if it doesn't become political and hopefully you can come up with a good a good solution. So that's all I had. I'd answer any questions, have you had any

Name: Todd Nash, Wallowa County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Ensure county officials are being considered during redistricting process

Transcript: Thanks for inviting me here today. Share salinas members of the committee, todd net for the record, todd nash, i am the commissioner in walker County and I can't get my camera to work here. I'm not being shy, but In the three minutes that we have here, it's hard to compile all of the complexities that we have. But as I stated last time, we had this meeting. If there's consideration for consulting further with commissioners and the status that we have and the importance of representing our communities, we would really appreciate that. That's all I have to add for today. Thank you.

Name: Patti Adair, Deschutes County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Agriculture, water, taxation, disaster planning, regulation, transportation, etc. are key issues
- Deschutes county area is growing rapidly
- Concerned that state senator lives in Ontario, which is far away from her home in Sisters

Transcript: I'm Patti Adair. I'm just Deschutes County Commissioner. I grew up in Happy, Oregon, which is in Deschutes County. And I currently live in Sisters, which is in Wheeler County. So you can see that I've spent my Oregon years living in the largest by far landmass congressional district in our state. And I first went to recognize that my district is rural. I grew up very rural in all of Deschutes County and now I actually live in rural Oregon. How do you break up a little bit? You may have to turn your camera, turn it off, you know, you, you will, you're breaking up a little bit. You can keep going, but sometimes in one turn to their camera, it's easier. Go ahead. Okay. Can you hear me? Oh, better now? Yeah. Okay. All right, well I'm, we're in pink today, so don't ask me why. Oh, it's the first year spring. Yes. Anyway, I think it's critical to keep our lines rural. The reason is why I think for our entire district is agriculture let you know the livestock, our land use our crop production, water taxation, disaster planning, government regulations, and most importantly, in a lot of ways, transportation. We have the longest driving distances of the entire state and our representative for CD two needs to be very aware of what makes our district almost successful. You know, our, I'm surprised to hear today that he said our district may be down eight thousand for the, you know, divided into five. Because to me she has county has grown fifty five percent since two thousand and three. We're approaching two hundred thousand here now. And I would honestly think that that could make a difference and not, not how you know, when they sense of actually comes out. But it's important to maintain non partisan and clearly independent decisions made by a commission to ensure the lines how they're fair and they're not sure mattered. I think you need to recognize that. And the fact that our census data is not coming out until the end of September. That seems to change this whole picture. I think it's important to be responsible and to give or going is a high degree of Public confidence in this decision that you're making. So please, when you are thinking of city to focus on a rural community, a common interest, I might add, I live in Sisters, but my senator lives in Ontario, Sen Finley. So I hope to speak with you today to that. But that just shows you he's, you know, he is clear across the state. I think it's about five and a half hours from where I live. And yet he is my senator. So it's, it's fascinating what we have to do in rural Oregon. But we are, we are very kind and oh, thank you. Anyway, thank you for the opportunity today, please know, but forward placing power fairly in the hands of average are going in. So the decision is held save by all concerned. Thank you, Karen. Okay, thank you. I did actually, if you wanted to add something cuz I did take some of your time. If you want to add something, you're welcome to. I think I said the most important things, keep it fair and we're we're all so I appreciate for appreciate our Saturday afternoon each other.

Name: Joe Spendolini, Klamath County

Key Points:

- Supports using independent redistricting commission to create trust in process
- Criteria in statute says "consider" but should be treated as a requirement instead

Transcript: My name is Joe Spendolini. I am the chairman of the government affairs committee with the claimant, county chamber of Commerce, which as you know, claimants are served by house districts fifty

five, fifty six senate district, twenty eight congressional district, to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the very important task of redistricting, that's going to begin shortly with the utmost respect for each of you, the position you hold and the importance of redistricting that I offer the following for your consideration. I deeply saddened me to have to mention the growing environment of distrust that appears to exist between citizens and legislators and even colleagues within the legislative branches of the government, both at the state, federal level. With that is the unfortunate starting point for this process. It is my opinion that particular attention should be paid to the makeup of the committee. That transparency practice that every level of the process and the observance, and adherence to the criteria is spelled out No r. S one, eighty eight dash zero point one. I strongly believe it is essential that we citizens have faith and trust in every aspect of redistricting. So we can better accept what is ultimately produce. You urge you to consider creating a non partisan redistricting committee to address the concerns regarding the influence partisan interest could exercise over the process and the ultimate design of our voting districts. Where o R asked one eighty eight, not zero. One zero says the legislative assembly or the secretary of state shall consider the following criteria. When apportioning the space into congressional they wanted to slade a district, in my opinion, use of the word consider in this sense allows everything follows to be dismissed. I recommend the committee begin with the principle that they adopt or apply or adhered to the criteria and one eighty eight point zero, one zero as the foundation that guides their work. Perhaps this language could be modified a bit. So redistricting guidelines will be more restrict, didn't compel adherence to these especially important criteria. Unfortunately, most citizens believe the party that enjoys majority controlled during redistricting will consider and immediately district dismiss criteria. Number two of this statute, which they know district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator or other person. It is with the utmost respect that I suggest controls are adopted at the start of the reduced redistricting process to ensure this criteria and becomes the guiding principles that dictate the work and committee and the process from the very beginning. It is my hope that the unfortunate reality of the distress many citizens feel before this process begins is acknowledged. So steps can be taken going forward to build trust in the committee, the process, and the outcome for the very beginning. In closing, i hope my focus on the topic of trust, those interests and any of you, but I'm deeply concerned with the current environment we're in, and I know some of you are as well. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts and concerns. And I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Name: Joanne Mina, Bend

Key Points:

- Latinx population in central Oregon is growing and have many common interests/concerns

Transcript: For oregon are united from Mazda pine. The third prime though, next comedian, central oregon, united, stronger because of it, that the little people contribute to the economic and social well of our region. We are younger than right. The counterpart of latino being twenty years old, concentra, oregon, bike or forty five to fifty. Be in the average age of the white population in the should. Jefferson and group county were work more, but we are less than no. Let us educational a shipment according to the measures of the education system, show them that the youth needed more support the number that the, you know, without health insurance is very high, which should up at a higher rate of health issues not having access to preventive care we celebrate welcoming, we can ben let the know in my

address and all kinds of informal gathering. Central Oregon during the twenty-two hour community rally around the right and me, a blast indigenous immigrant and other marginalized communities. But let the next relation have brown from a few thousands in the nineties to over twenty thousand strong at all central Oregon. And not only must we be seen and heard, but we also have a chance to lead and shape the future of our community center. Oregon has changed our health care early childhood education college turner. I'm more program from the area because I will organizations work regionally and the ships Jefferson and Cook county were stronger because were united and in Oregon. Here we are leaving under our community. We must not be the by where we're defining the line of our district. All of us must be counted. Our food money, twenty cents of data must be county and central Oregon must not be by you. Fortunately, the process are written strictly. I've been use to this empower communities of color, Oregon legislature must make it clear that marginalized communities will help drive it back. And then we'll trade that in Oregon. Democracy and justice, our whole thing.

Name: Melanie Kebler, Bend City Councilor

Key Points:

- Bend should have dedicated Senate district
- Bend is a community of interests that has different concerns that rural area
- Don't shortchange both urban Bend interests and the rural surrounding interests
- Do this fairly, transparently; complete districts before next primary election

Transcript: Good afternoon chair Taylor and chair. So we missed the members of the house and senate committee. My name is Donnie Keeler and I am a resident of Bend and an elective benefit counselor testifying today and my individual capacity. I grew up here in Bend. I was actually in elementary school in one thousand ninety-two when it was changed to get a dedicated representative in the legislature. And despite rapid growth since then and becoming Oregon's sixth largest city, Bend still only has one house district dedicated solely representing us. And our district encompasses the entirety of Bend's counting today. Bend is large enough to build you house district. As we thought were brown on that map, and it's nearly large enough to have it done in a district. It's time to fully take into account the changes that have happened and Bend over the years and respond to our need for strong representation on our side these issues and interests in Salem. I would urge this committee to consider Bend of the community, a common interest and take into account the city when engaging and redistricting, Benny's representatives who can understand and focus on the urban issues we're facing as a growing city. That cares about sustainable planning, affordability, and protecting our environment, the needs of the smaller towns community around the end. In the more rural area, the central Oregon deserve appropriate representation that won't be overshadowed by being included in a district with a larger and more urban community house. Instead of districts that are drawn this year should reflect Bend, division and in central Oregon as its economic, medical, educational, and cultural hub. We are there large population center on the side of the mountains, and we are representation and Salem that will focus on and be accountable to the community event. Please don't drive districts in a way that sort changes both the urban interests of Bend and the people that live here and the rural interest of the communities it's around us. And finally, I urge you to find a way to get the redistricting done in a fair and transparent manner in time for the May. Twenty-two May twenty-two elections. I just think it will be a huge service to the people in my, in my city, and frankly, throughout the state. If we don't have new district before that primary election, thanks very much for the opportunity to speak.

Name: William Evans, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Has concerns about SD 30, very large and not well connected by transportation links

Transcript: Hello, chairs, Taylor and Salinas, my name is Will Evans. I am a college student from Dallas, Oregon, and Cherry, Daniel Bottoms representative districts fifty nine and senate district thirty. I'm gonna be here today to talk about a few problems I have with senate district thirty that I've just noticed. Well, going through my political science class and the first the district. First of those issues is that there isn't a clear transport link to get from to population centers of mattress in adult to the more rural areas of Wheeler and Beyond. That doesn't pass through other congressional districts. This is because of Angela, Oregon being in a different district. The other issue I have with the seven thirty is it's a bit too large. Argue it's about a four hour drive from the dolls or three and a half inches, you know, a pretty large distance and you also have to pass through multiple other districts to get from the dolls to Ontario where our representative is from and yeah, sorry, my wife the Yeah, and it's just the difference of common interest. I would argue that the people all along the same river and the people along the Columbia river do have some different interests just as people from Salem. But in Ashland, Oregon, which are about the same distance away from Dallas and interior. Have different interests in your I sense with my are in testimony to maps using some open source software that's available to everyone which accounts for population changes. I was able to redraw myself some corrections to the districts, I thought would be adequate. Thank you for your time chairs Taylor and Salinas and committee.

Name: Monica Tomosy, Sisters

Key Points:

- Concerned that SD 30 and HD 59 are not compact
- Suggests drafting map using non-Census data; adjust after census data released
- Remember to consult indigenous population

Transcript: My name is Monica Thomas B. I live in Sisters and Shoshone County. I visited and worked in Oregon often on since nine hundred eighty for purchase property in two thousand and seven and moved here permanently in two thousand and seventeen central Oregon. And the surrounding region is filled with things I value most wide open spaces, clean air, and water, diverse agriculture, unique biological diversity, and kind responsible people. I comment here because I know process determines outcome, and I want to urge keen attention to ethics, accuracy, and integrity from now to, to the end of the process. People essential Oregon love being outdoors and the largest variety of ways I have ever seen. We help each other out individually and through multiple nonprofit organizations. We love animals of all kinds and try to help them out too. We are aware we are living on the lands that were once inhabited only by the Piyou Shawnee and Warm Springs tribes were concerned about long term ecological sustainability, particularly due to drought. When we stand, there are limits to how much we can change the land and water around us without undesirable consequences. And so we need legislative representation by people who understand the sustainability imperative. We embrace our native American Latin, Nanette, Latin, Next, Asian Black, Pioneer, descendant and more recently transplanted neighbors. We also encounter hate filled individuals and symbols raising concerns about a spread of societal sickness. We expect boating to be easy in elections to be fair. And we expect our representatives to acknowledge when it is working and when it's not working. I've experienced these val from Camp Sherman to Mitchell and for mattress still a time. While people here have a variety of policy

opinions most expect rules to be followed. Most value accuracy, whatever lines are drawn, they must be fair, accurate and logical. I don't know if it was intentional, but the shape of the senate district thirty in house district, fifty nine. I look like in alpaca or alpaca bus because it reaches up to the gals into sisters, which is cute, but not compact. Given the delay in the census data and the widespread concerns about compliance with the rules and how to draw the lines, i recommend a multi step process. Create a draft using the most recent available data from portland state University population research center. The American community survey school districts, housing developments in any other relevant reliable sources. And after the census data is released, may quantify, we justifiable adjustments, engaged the community with numbers and maps at each stage, so we can see and comment on both drafts. Then finalize the maps we expect to attention to the rule that communities of any time would be intent of weakening the voting power of communities. Lastly, given the traditional lands were on the indigenous people of this region deserved to be consulted and have their voices fairly represented. Thank you for the opportunity.

Name: Whitley Schiller, Pendleton

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission to prevent gerrymandering
- Wants districts to be competitive

Transcript: My name is whitley schiller and I live outside of pendleton on tribal lands in uniform until the county. Although I graduated high School nearly seven years ago, I still remember how absurd learning about the corruption with the district was in an ideal world who wants to be able to trust our local and state politicians to do what's right. Not what should teach when it comes to ensuring equal and fair representation. But what we see across the state of oregon, our district jerry, commander to benefit specific political parties. Robin community to bear representation and belittling her confidence in our democratic institution. B. Matilda county like across the state is far more independently minded and moderate and were given credit for pandering to the extreme political ideologies on both sides and the aisle has directly led us to where we are today. A legislature that refuses to listen to one another. And entire faction of our state fiercely considering merging with idaho, and we're going into losing their collective identity. However, supporting and independent non partisan commission can be our first step in entering organ stays together, mentally, physically and ideologically. As a huge fan of the television show survivor, i understand the importance of strategy and getting you to where you want to be. At the student philosophy, i understand the math, valley and philosophy of justifying your mean today ask you to do what's the rate and support process that is as non political as transparent and independent as can be organized, heading towards the point of no return. If we don't choose to work better and competitive elections, an independent redistricting commission, and a system with high levels of Public trust, i don't believe that the state will ever find a way to unify. And if we fail to unify as a state, distrust contentiousness and vitriol might as well be our new motto. Thank you for your time today, and thank you for asking me.

Name: Cristal DeJarnac, Bend/Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Keep Bend within a single Senate district
- Bend unique and distinct from rest of region, each deserves own representation

Transcript: Hello chairs Taylor Salinas and vice chairs can nope, Bush and Bochart Davis and members of the redistricting committees. For the record, my name is Crystal. Does your neck my pronouns? Are she her and hers? Are they been been and work as a home care worker for my best friend? I have lived in central Oregon for nine years after moving here from Las Vegas in twenty twelve. I have lived in Bend for six of those years. And that time I have seen bands population grow and continue to grow its boundaries. There had been many changes with this growth, including our homeless population. And we have affordable housing needs and infrastructure issues too. We need a fair representation that will embrace this growth and lead us into a brighter future. We can not just keep putting band aid on these issues. That is why redistricting is so very important. The things I love about central Oregon, I feel are the same reasons we have had this growth, the sense of community and the many year round, outdoor activities as a resident of house district, fifty four in senate district twenty seven. I know that we have seen amazing population growth even without the official census numbers. It's evident in voter registration numbers. But also just what I'd look around my quickly changing community. Since the last census, we have had a huge number of remote workers moving to Bend. A new Oregon state cascades campus bringing in college students. And of course, we've seen massive growth in our tourism economy. For example, as of January twenty, twenty one. Senate district twenty seven and Bend in, Redmond had the most voters, one hundred and twenty one thousand registered voters. While most of the other senate districts are under a hundred and five thousand registered voters. I know the district boundaries are going to have to change quite a bit to accommodate this growth. It's likely that Bend will need to be split into two house districts. And regardless of how this committee chooses to do it, I urge you to keep Bend united in a single set at district. Our community is unique and distinct from much of the rest of the congressional district to and we are even very different from our neighbors to the north and Redmond, please continue to engage communities thoroughly through the duration of this process. I hope that along with listening to regular people like me, that this committee will start really digging into data sooner rather than later. So we can have a thorough, well bedded process and the fair reference transparent redistricting process at Oregon and our legislative body has become well known for I know that having representatives who understand what makes this region special is important to make sure this community gets the funding and resources it needs to thrive. As we recover from the corona, virus print demick, please continue listening to the public and working hard to engage Oregonians who are often overlooked when it comes to political participation and representation like low income and working ordonia and black and indigenous people of color immigrants and non english speakers. I look forward to continuing to watch and particularly in your work, and I'm excited to watch how you continue to engage working people in the process. Thank you for your time.

Name: Samantha McQuiston, Medford

Key Points:

- Concerned that Medford is part of CD 2
- Deschutes and Jackson counties often have different views from rest of CD

Transcript: My name is Samantha request and I'm a resident of medford in Jackson County. I am reaching out today because I'm concerned about our connection to the bulk of the district to medford and bend or two of the largest metro areas in the district. And I feel like to shoot some jackson County off and oppose the remainder of the counties in the district on many issues. I know you mentioned not bringing political affiliation into this decision. I wasn't sure if that was just for those that are elected officials or for any of us. But I don't know how it could not be a factor if the majority of eastern counties support the politics of the far right. Including clip fence boating against the ratification of the electoral college votes on January sixth. And greg walden regularly voting to support donald trump's agenda, including big money tax cuts and flashing environmental regulations. Designed to make our world a livable place for your children. How can I feel represented? Here are some of my concerns pre or consideration diversity and immigration. Well, black, envision as latin x and other marginalized community lives, be prioritized in the eastern counties of oregon, where they are under represented are not represented at all women's health and the right to choose will. Eastern counties of oregon support the judgment of us law over religious affiliation and associated political leaning. Environmental climate challenges and farming are versus farming and livestock, especially with the use of Public lands for private use. Special interest will affordable housing and medical care be prioritized for all, especially those who cannot afford it. Instead of giving big business the priority and homelessness. How can we as a city, county district and state work to find sustainable solutions to the growing issues regarding the home of population? When we are represented by those who vote to limit government intervention, i want a representative who will honor my input and the input of others rather than voting simply along their party lines. Thank you for your time.

Name: Mark Johnson, Hood River

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Don't expand SD26 and HD 52 in west/urban areas

Transcript: This is former representative mark johnson. I wasn't sure if that was going to be you or not. So welcome. In class, it's me. Thank you. Appreciate what you guys are doing. Thanks your work and overtime on this really important issue. My interest today to talk to you or to talk about specifically house district fifty two and senate district, twenty six in representing house district, twenty or fifty to one of the great joys that I had was representing these diverse communities from hood river to get a lot to corbett, the sandy, to the Villages and all the way up the government camp. These are very different communities and they're all special in their own right. But the common denominator is that they all are part of the mounted and columbia gorge region. And they share a bond because of that they share economic interests, they share recreation interest and they are based on a primarily national resource focused economy and areas of interest. And they truly are shared communities. And that really is worth fifty two together, expanding house to fifty two to further in the trap tale or aggression to the west would seriously violate the community interest that exists and frankly disenfranchised. Those voters, as they would not share in the community values that exist in the current district. Likewise, with the rest of

the senate district, twenty six, importing more portland voters into house district, fifty one would further dilute the community of interest that exist image connection to house district fifty two. And I do think it's worth noting that the senator, for house district twenty six at least to my knowledge, has always lived in house district fifty two as that sort of a set. A district defines the spirit and the character of the district. And let me just conclude the saying that I really do support the spirit and intent and the content and a share seven, which would go forward and creation or non partisan commission to handle this redistricting process. I really do think it's time to take all additions out of the process of determining electoral boundaries. Appreciate all you guys are doing and thank you very much for allowing me at the chance to testify today. Thank you manager.

Name: Peter Kunen, Bend/Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Currently Bend district configuration works well
- Pull districts in tighter around bend to account for growing population
- Bend is only large city of 100k plus east of cascades; unique urban interests differing from rest of high desert

Transcript: Hi, my name is Peter union and I live in band and chairs and members of the committee. Thank you for taking your whole day on this I. I realize you had a hearing this morning and now this afternoon, so I appreciate your dedication to listen into the public to the public and constituents. So again, I live in Van and issues, county. And my primary concern today is with the legislative districts, as you may know, the current set up and I think this has been basically the way it's been since about and the nine hundred ninety census is they say I don't at all. And the donor and donut hole is health district, fifty four, which is most of them. And then the donor, there's a circle around that which is house history, fifty three. And you could also think of it as a target, a bull's eye, and the highest point bring around it. But I'll stick with the pastry analogy. So think of it, I don't, I don't at all. And I think that set up has worked well and we will continue to work well. The only issue of course, is that the population has grown so much. So what I would advocate force, what has been done after the last census as well, is simply to pull the districts in tighter around them in order to make the geographic district smaller and tighter to populations be correct at one point. Then basically had its own house district, but ben has grown too large now to have its own house history. So the donor whole should be pulled in to be about seventy thousand people, which is what you need for one house. And that would make up about seventy percent of the city submitted population now is about a hundred thousand or a little more. And then the don't at around that could be about thirty five thousand more people and then and then another thirty five thousand people who live close to bad. And the reason that I think is, is the best idea is the common community interest. As you've heard about for the bend area and is the only large city of about a hundred thousand or more that's much larger than any other city. So the cascade and so it has unique urban interests that differ from the rest of the high desert. I would say, and so those are interest like urban transportation issues, a lot of homelessness, sound. Fortunately. Rapid population growth, which is expected to continue and has to be planned for heavy tourism use of the area. And of course the health of the disputes river is something that unites all the been the area very important. So that's what I would urge you to stay with basically the same idea. Just pull the districts in smaller. Thank you very much for your time.

Names: Melissa Barnes Dholakia, Bend-La Pine School Board Member

Key Points:

- Bend and immediate surroundings big enough for two House districts
- Metro center; unique from western corridor in its sense of place in central Oregon
- Hwy 97 corridor and school district boundaries are important
- Region rapidly diversifying

Transcript: My name is Melissa Barnes de Loc. Yeah, I'm a resident of Bend in district two and I serve and elected officials, the chair of the time school board. I am here my individual capacity to advocate for consideration of the unique assets in the needs of our region during redistricting. And in particular, the children and families who call our region our home, our region is rapidly growing. Bend at a rate of nearly three percent per year, our neighbors to the north and Redmond by nearly four point five percent annually. Together these two cities already have a population large enough for to dedicated to contiguous healthy. And that is only growing. Intern Bella, time school district, is the fifth largest in our state. And again, rapidly growing. We build and open a new school every few years. Our new, our next high school open this fall for our students and our families. This growth requires legislators that are held into the needs of a growing metropolitan area from education, which I care so deeply about transportation, affordable, housing, business development, social services, environmental stewardship. I'm especially it's links to tourism and so much more. And so a birthday or to the committee to consider the unique composition of our region as both the major metropolitan center and as unique from the western coast or in terms of the place in central Oregon. Next, while our district is can take along the highway, ninety seven corridor, we serve Bend three, reversed on river and Le Pine. We are currently represented by three different state health representatives and to state senators students, families, and staff of our district deserve to be known. Well, prioritized and have clear collaboration with their elected officials and their if this true deserve the theme in terms of the breadth of their constituents. It's a huge job. So I urge the committee to consider while redistricting the continue, continue with the nature of the ninety seven corridor and school district boundaries. And then finally, our region is rapidly diversifying. Whereas the last dentist indicated that only eight percent of dead residence on our bypass cod bit black indigenous and people of color, eighteen percent of the current been Le Plan school district students are this continues to strengthen our district and it incur in enriching the delay of the twenty twenty census data due to the global pandemic, and an abbreviated sense of period threatened to limit this representation. I urge the committee to consider any and all options available to you to ensure all members of our community are counted in making decisions, restricting, thank you.

Name: Laurie Gould, Bend

Key Points:

- Rapid growth in Bend area
- Current district configuration for area works well
- Bend represents a distinct community of interest

Transcript: My name is Laurie Gold and I've lived and been from nearly thirty five years. And my husband family has been in been for almost a hundred years. And this is the fourth redistricting process I've been in, gauged in. The city of Bend is changed a great deal in the hundred and sixteen years since it's been incorporated. It's grown from a very small spot on the banks of the disputes river into the largest city in

eastern oregon and the six largest in the state. But its largest band has become if you ask people where the center of town is, almost all of us would still point to drake park. And the downtown that is the core bend. Since it was established, the donut and the donut hole configuration has worked well for bend and to shoot county with the donor, representing the smaller communities. And the more were area surrounding bend by the whole gives the city a band. The urban focused representation that it deserves. Now it's your task to create a balance population within the state house incentive districts and issues county does sit like a big, juicy population pie ready to be sliced up to balance the changes in eastern oregon. However, the city a band is a community of common interest historically, economically and culturally, and will remain a community of common interest into the future. It is an urban area, significantly different from its neighbors breaking apart our city outside of one senate district is not to our benefits nor to the benefit of the surrounding area which has its own unique issues and needs. We need electric representatives to understand that are focused on the challenges of an urban area and who will be accountable for how well they help our city address our needs. We may be a burgeoning city that will soon still a single set a district, but we are a city that has grown from its central corps. And we ask that you keep our community together as much as you possibly can by following the historical pattern of bed growing out from the urban core along the banks of the just shoots river. Thank you for your time and consideration today and good luck with all of this difficult process.

Name: Suzanne Monaco, Bend

Key Points:

- Keep Bend/Redmond in a single Senate district
- Keep as much of bend as possible in one House district

Transcript: Good afternoon coach here salinas and taylor and vice chairs can nope, shark davis and members of the redistricting community committee. Thank you for your time today. My name is Suzanne monaco and I have lived in South West bend and shoots county for fifteen years with my husband and, and have been raising my two children here. I have watch tremendous growth and is at an all time high with many people relocating here now that remote work is becoming more common driving people out of the cities today. I would like to highlight the following five points that should be considered as you go through this very important process first to try and keep the urban areas offend in. Redmond in a single senate district is important to keep these communities aligned. Many people live in redmond and commute to been for work, and even children from bend attend redmond. Schools as well as we are watching this tremendous growth, keeping these districts aligned is important. Second, I live about a mile from tissue river woods. My children went to grammar school with children from to shoot her words are all said d R w. And now with how the boundaries would be rejoined once the new high School is completed. Families in d R w will now be attending high School with my children and with housing prices continuing to rise within and d R w is becoming more of an affordable option. It just makes sense to incorporate into bend at this point. Third, re unite, southern and western to shoots county into a rural center. C port. Try to keep as much as bend in a single house district. It is confusing how the lines are drawn and I have friends throughout the community with similar interests and our house reps are different. And in conclusion, finally, gerrymandering is a real concern. It is imperative. All is done that your transparency and the community is a part of this process. This process has to be fair with high levels of Public trust. This is an opportunity for change to ensure all voices are heard. Districts

don't have our boundaries drawn drawn that don't make any sense and unnecessarily divide our communities. Thank you for your time today.

Name: Laurie Kimmell, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Concerned about inclusion of parts of Portland in HD 51
- Supports independent commission to combat gerrymandering

Transcript: My name is Laurie kim, all I come from a pioneer family and I'm also retired military and I volunteer. And my community, i live in North shoes, county and I this weekend last weekend rather i had the opportunity to work the court show. And I talked to lots of people from rural oregon and these are, they are concerned that rural oregon is Tammy, less and less of a boy in salem. Now they are being disregarded. And these are my concerns. And these are the facts. In our district, fifty one was registered in two thousand and thirteen. The district was redrawn, and parts of multnomah county were added to the district. Mama county liens to the entrance of the city of portland, not to the rural area of happy valley. The voting makeup was dramatically changed. The redistricting smack of the methods prior to baker versus car. In fact, one party controls that area and one party cannot be seen me not defeated in this. I have the appearance of gerrymandering and what oregon has right now and the oregon legislature is a super majority in the legislative body, oregon needs a non partisan committee to reduce fake, honestly, unfairly. There is not any evidence presently supporting the redistricting process would be fair and biased. I fully support a non partisan committee and thank you for your time.

Name: Robert Haechrel, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Concerned about current construction of HD 30
- Wasco county and Hood River are a great starting point for a House district and share many common interests

Transcript: My name is Robert j. Girl. You did a good job and the pronunciation It's a hard gauge germanic sound in there. I live in the Dallas up in law school county, long columbia river. My wife and I have lived here for over fifty years. I'm grateful that the public is give an opportunity to speak about our views on redistricting. I've been very impressed with the test morning that you've heard this afternoon. It makes me proud to be and are going in and it makes me very optimistic that we're going to be able to succeed in resolving what is a very complex issue. I share the desire that we just done in, in a non partisan manner. And however, I do not believe that an independent commission commission needs to be established in order to accomplish that goal. Let's use the existing process we should expect and demand that all elected officials will be honest and truthful in exercising their responsibilities. If they adhere to this standard, then we can arrive that a fair and equitable result. At the end of the process, the challenge is formidable. There is no doubt about that. Given the great distances and with low population and much of the congressional district to compensate matter immensely. However, hopefully the final product will not. And this has been said numerous times to day. The final product will not include the district similar to what now exists. Senate district thirty, that's the salamander or the jury. Mander up here along the columbia river, washoe county, and we were counties provide a great starting point to create a house district. Together these two gone until a population of around fifty

thousand. Already they have indeed many common interests. I think representative bonham can attest to many of these and speak much more in depth about them than I'm going to this afternoon. Both counties have a campus source in the country gorge community college and each of the colonies has a modern medical Center. Several medical practitioners have already established offices in both of the counties. Agriculture is a significant component of the economy of each county. Both counties have significant tourism and recreational economic sectors, breweries and wineries have assumed a prominent role in our economies. And now, believe it or not, both counties as news papers disappear, share the same newspaper, even the same local newspaper. These are some of but not all of the common features that would make it easy to conclude that this is a natural to create a new house district. Two neighboring counties to reach to seventy thousand level accomplishing this will require truth, honor honestly, fairness and equity. And that, but I believe it can all be done within the existing approved format. Good luck. Thank you. Taking my testimony and go leaves and go ducks.

Name: Jennifer Bonham, The Dalles/Wasco County

Key Points:

- Don't use current maps as starting point, start fresh
- Hood River has much more in common with The Dalles than with southern part of its district
- Don't split Wasco county unnecessarily

Transcript: My name is Jennifer bonham, and I am resident of cd to district fifty nine and senate district thirty. I don't about there I do, but four months ago I knew almost nothing about redistricting. But now after watch almost all of your committee hearings this year and listening to most of the ones from two thousand and eleven, I consider myself to be somewhat of an expert. Well, I am a huge advocate for an independent commission. I believe that the true purpose of this road show is for you to hear from members around the state on what they think is an important community of interest for you to consider when we're drawing these lines. By hit written or that doesn't really. I've said it was very similar to Mr. Hate growth. I believe that the dolphin harbor have a lot more common than the dal does with the so the in part of its district, it's currently The shoot county does need to be split into three districts based on the population out the very minimum. But the bosco county does not need to be so right now, when something happens in the eastern part of our county, those people will reach out to our representative as he lived from the Dallas and house coast to this community. When we have one gorge events, you see representatives from fifty to fifty nine, fifty seven and I believe fifty eight and people from Washington because those communities have a lot in common with the river. Are large agricultural and orchard ties in the interstate. That sort of the transportation link, I believe that it makes sense to put these into a district we're moving forward. I would really encourage you not to make your future maps based on the current map which was created twenty years ago by a single individual. And then slightly more ten years ago to adjust for populations you've already heard tonight. Senate district thirty also does not make much sense as it encompasses a large portion of soap. So eastern oregon and north central oregon. I think it would make much more sense to have the senate district as to the along the columbia river and other that goes down the border of idaho. The map that will evans submitted and his written testimony make a lot of sense. And I would highly encourage you to look at those. I'll continue to follow along in the process. And I encourage you to move forward in the open transcript and by part of the manner that you guys have tried to put forward so far. The best of luck to you and thank you for

taking time out of your Saturday, especially during March Madness to listen to those of us in eastern Oregon. Thank you.

Name: Daren Ash, La Pine

Key Points:

- Connect La Pine with rest of Deschutes County
- Klamath Falls, Butte Falls, Prineville not a community of interest with La Pine
- Place La Pine in same SD as Bend

Transcript: My name is Darren, ash i live in LA pine, which is about thirty minutes south Bend. And so notice I give my location in reference to Bend. Not surprising Bill or climate falls or three hours away to Butte Falls, which are in my district. And so I'm here asking that La Pine be put back in with the rest of the Deschutes County. And so as far as the technicalities and the criteria, I'll start with communities of interest, which I guess is kind of a big US term. But in any sense of the word I can think of, we don't share a community of interest with Prineville or Klamath Falls, or Butte Falls anymore than anywhere else. In Oregon we were more closely linked to the rest of the Deschutes County and to Bend, especially same thing with transportation links. I know other people mentioned that ninety seven corridor we drive through just use Deschutes County to Bend all the time to go shopping, go to the hospital and whatnot. We don't try to put Bill or Klamath Falls or Butte Falls on brings us to the existing boundaries crossing over the county lines. It doesn't make a lot of sense when our community is really within our county. And we're in the same school district as Bend, and the rest of it just Deschutes County between the Pine and Bend and so with those existing boundaries and we cross over the mountains in our current district to do Butte Falls, which doesn't make any geographical sense to me. Either and in general we just kind of feel like we're rounding air cast aside, not early put with our neighbors and the rest of our community. And so that's why I'm asking you to put us with the rest of the Deschutes County. I know we can't be in the same house district has been hopefully we can be in the same house district as the other rural areas of Deschutes County, county between the Pine and Bend and be in the same senate district is that. Thank you.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 1 – March 10, 5:30 PM

Name: Adam and Vonda Saxton, resident, Joseph

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

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Name: Ann Snyder, resident, Jefferson County

Key Points:

- Reduce the size of CD2, as it covers too wide and diverse an area

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Name: Annette Lathrop, resident, Joseph

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

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Name: Barbara Klein, resident, Asland

Key Points:

- Districts should be drawn to be politically competitive
- Keep Ashland and Bend in the same congressional district
- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission

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Name: Beverly Wyffels, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234128>

Name: Candace Klatt, resident, Lakeview

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234333>

Name: Colleen Roberts, resident, southern Oregon

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission
- Wait until reliable data is available before drawing maps
- Create competitive districts
- Rural residents are a community of common interest
- Do not overshadow rural interests by combining with urban interests

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234370>

Name: Craig Martell, resident, Baker City

Key Points:

- Senate District 30 is too large; should consist of House Districts 58 and 60
- CD2 is too large, there are insufficient shared interests between southern and eastern Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234411>

Name: Cynthia B. Payne, resident, Joseph

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts
- Maintain communities of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234018>

Name: David and Karen Wurdinger, residents, Wallowa County

Key Points:

- Utilize census data to conduct redistricting process
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234121>

Name: David Lane, resident, Ashland

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234462>

Name: Debbie Tenney, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Opposes joining the “Greater Idaho” movement

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234325>

Name: Deborah Miller, resident, Redmond

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234467>

Name: Elizabeth Neveau, resident, CD2

Key Points:

- Do not mix rural areas with urban areas in districts
- Rural areas are a community of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234122>

Name: Fritz Ellett, resident, Wasco County

Key Points:

- Do not mix rural areas with urban areas in districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234468>

Name: Gayle A Davis, resident, Redmond

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission
- Give rural areas equal consideration with metro areas

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234300>

Name: George Murdock, Umatilla County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Maintain rural representation in eastern Oregon
- Rural areas are a community of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233970>

Name: Gideon Wizansky, resident, Ashland

Key Points:

- Redistricting should be conducted as neutral as possible

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234125>

Name: Janessa Pogue, precinct committeeperson, Kimberly

Key Points:

- Use official Census data to conduct redistricting
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234221>

Name: Jennifer Ballard, resident, Joseph

Key Points:

- Do not mix rural eastern Oregon with urban Portland region
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234020>

Name: Joanne Mina, Volunteer Coordinator, Latino Community Association, Bend

Key Points:

- Latinos in central Oregon are a growing community of interest
- Use redistricting to empower communities of color

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234373>

Name: John Eden, resident, Ontario

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts
- Maintain representation for eastern Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234345>

Name: John Grant, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent redistricting commission

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234371>

Name: John Hamilton, resident, Ashland

Key Points:

- Request that southern Oregon not be in same CD as eastern Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234372>

Name: Juan Quesada, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234278>

Name: Julia Sommer, resident, Ashland

Key Points:

- Requests that Jackson County be moved from CD2 to CD4
- Suggests that if CD2 is divided that Jackson and Deschutes counties be kept together

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234283>

Name: L. DeFranco, resident, Jackson County

Key Points:

- Requests that Jackson County be taken out of CD2

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234271>

Name: Margaret Wallis, resident, Burns

Key Points:

- Supports creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission
- Use alternative data to begin redistricting process

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234339>

Name: Melodi Molt, resident, Burns

Key Points:

- Maintain rural representation in eastern Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234301>

Name: Mike and Annette Lathrop, residents, Joseph

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234019>

Name: Mimi Alkire, Vice President, League of Women Voters of Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Supports creation of a nonpartisan commission for redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234129>

Name: Patricia K. Jones, resident, Pilot Rock

Key Points:

- Redistricting should be done to reflect fairness to minority communities

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234212>

Name: Penny Crebs, resident, Gilliam County

Key Points:

- Maintain rural representation in CD2

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234334>

Name: Phil Guidotti, resident, Central Point

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233920>

Name: Rick Bennett, resident, Medford

Key Points:

- Preserve communities of interest
- Supports creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234213>

Name: Rossella Pogue, resident, Grant County

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234270>

Name: Sharon Wilson, resident, CD2

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234126>

Name: Susan M. Ramsay, resident, Harney County

Key Points:

- Make only minor changes to districts as much as possible

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234332>

Name: Susan P. Rust, resident, CD2

Key Points:

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234124>

Name: Valerie Bradley, resident, Umatilla County

Key Points:

- Does not support the “Greater Idaho” movement
- Maintain rural representation in CD2

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234410>

Name: Will Evans, resident, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Combine House districts 57 and 59 and 58 and 60 into Senate districts

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234211>

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Name: Alan Journet, resident, Jacksonville

Key Points:

- Do not divide communities of interest
- Do not dilute the voting strength of any interest group

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235890>

Name: Alison Valerio, resident, Union County

Key Points:

- Do not dilute rural voters by combining with populous urban areas

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235100>

Name: Amy C. Hutchinson, Library Director, Lake County Library District

Key Points:

- Ensure that both Lakeview and its primary services are in the same legislative district
- Seek more information on differences between southern and northern Lake County
- Give communities time to consider Census data before drawing maps

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236196>

Name: Andrea Gray, resident, Redmond

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238629>

Name: Belinda Coalman, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235864>

Name: Calista Songstad, resident, Prineville

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Districts should reflect the differences between Bend and Prineville

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235889>

Name: Cristal DeJarnac, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Consider Bend's unique needs during redistricting process
- Ensure that traditionally underrepresented groups are reflected in redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235893>

Name: Deren Ash, resident, LaPine

Key Points:

- LaPine and southern Deschutes County should be in a district with Bend, not Klamath Falls

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236268>

Name: Granella Thompson, resident, Weston

Key Points:

- Medford belongs with the rest of southwest Oregon, not with eastern Oregon
- Redistricting should take into account the needs of rural Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234729>

Name: Indra Nicholas, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Ensure that traditionally underrepresented groups are reflected in redistricting
- Districts should reflect the needs of rural residents

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235884>

Name: Hogan M. Sherrow, director, Rural Oregon Climate Policy Action Committee

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235892>

Name: Janice B. Waitt, resident, Ashland

Key Points:

- Jackson County belongs with the rest of southwest Oregon, not with eastern Oregon

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236100>

Name: Jean Buck, resident, CD2

Key Points:

- Use full public disclosure during the redistricting process
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234731>

Name: Jeannine Florance, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234728>

Name: Jennifer Bonham, resident, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Should start from scratch, rather than basing new districts on old districts
- Hood River and The Dalles should be in the same district
- No “donut district” around the City of Bend

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235834>

Name: Jim Buck, resident, CD2

Key Points:

- Use full public disclosure during the redistricting process
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234730>

Name: Joanne Mina, Volunteer Coordinator, Latino Community Association, Bend

Key Points:

- Latinx people are a community of interest in central Oregon
- Committees should use Census data to ensure full representation

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235886>

Name: John D. Curtis, resident, Eagle Point

Key Points:

- Eagle Point should be in districts with other Rogue Valley communities

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235885>

Name: John Topper, resident, The Dalles

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235888>

Name: Karen Rippberger, resident, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes counties should be in the same districts, not included with Klamath or Lake counties

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235887>

Name: Kathleen Cantrell, resident, Dufur

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Wait until Census data is available before redrawing districts
- Rural residents are a community of common interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235835>

Name: Kelly Yzaguirre, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Bend and Redmond should be in the same district
- Sunriver and LaPine should be in the same district
- Rural residents are a community of common interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235698>

Name: Kimberly Mander, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236098>

Name: Kym Leason-English, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235699>

Name: Laurie Gould, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- The City of Bend is a community of interest
- The “donut hole” configuration of the areas around Bend should be retained

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235867>

Name: Laurie Kimmel, resident, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- House District 51 should not include parts of Multnomah County

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235836>

Name: Lynne Beck, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234854>

Name: Marie Suhre, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235621>

Name: Melanie Kebler, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Keep Bend in a single district as much as possible

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236101>

Name: Melissa Barnes-Dholakia, resident, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Keep Bend in a single district as much as possible to recognize its unique circumstances
- Please keep all of Bend-LaPine School District in the same districts
- Ensure all members of community are counted

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235894>

Name: Michael J. Zarosinski, Randy Sparacino, and Alex Poythress, residents, CD2

Key Points:

- Areas of common interest should remain united
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234732>

Name: Nancy Boever, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- The City of Bend is a community of interest
- Rural residents are a community of interest
- Keep Bend within a single district as much as possible

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236099>

Name: Peter Kunen, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- The City of Bend is a community of interest
- Rural residents are a community of interest
- Retain the “donut hole” district arrangement

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235855>

Name: Phil Swaim, resident, Mosier

Key Points:

- Wasco County should be in a single state House district
- Wasco County should not be in Senate District 30, with no connections to much of the rest of that district

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235262>

Name: Polly Johnson, District Director, Oregon Federation of Republican Women

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Asks that committees wait to draw district lines until Census data is available

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234584>

Name: Rick Dyer, Dave Dotterer, and Colleen Roberts, Jackson County commissioners

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Rural residents are a community of interest
- Do not gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235101>

Name: Ryan Sur, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Keep Bend and Redmond together in a single State Senate district
- Keep southern and western Deschutes County into a rural State Senate district
- Keep as much of Bend as possible in a single State House district, and north east Bend in a State House district with Redmond
- Keep Deschutes County in CD2

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236102>

Name: Sid Snyder, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Bend's representation should reflect the urban nature of the growing city
- Central Oregon's identity should be reflected in its legislative districts by including the cities of Sisters and LaPine
- Rural residents are a community of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236096>

Name: Stephani Scott, resident, Bend

Key Points:

- Maintain the "donut hole" and increase the urban population of HB54 to reflect the changing community
- Keep service areas like school districts and park districts in the same legislative districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235888>

Name: Suni Danforth, resident, Milton Freewater

Key Points:

- Urges creation of an independent redistricting commission
- Do not split Milton-Freewater into two legislative districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235895>

Name: Suzanne Johnson, resident, Medford

Key Points:

- Urges creation of an independent redistricting commission

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235916>

Name: Thomas Wright, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Urges creation of an independent redistricting commission
- Engage with all residents of CD2

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234855>

Name: Tryna Muilenburg, resident, Metolius

Key Points:

- Use other datasets for maps until Census data is available
- Engage with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- SD 30 is too large and diverse to be effectively united in a single district

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235837>

Name: Valerie Stockhoff, resident, Union

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235263>