

Congressional District 5 – 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 5. 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 22 are the oral remarks received during the March 18 and April 10 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 38 and 42 are summaries of written comments received during for the public hearing on March 18 and April 10. 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	
27	19	8	Ensure process engages the BIPOC and low-income communities
19	11	8	Supports creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission
18	7	11	Use alternative data while waiting for Census data to arrive
10	6	4	Maintain HD 22 as majority-minority district
9	8	1	Support for current redistricting process
7		7	Impacted communities should be centered in process and outcome
5		5	Latinx community in Salem is a community of common interest
5		5	Voters want to feel represented in their districts
4		4	Need for BIPOC representation and more diversity in Legislative Assembly
3	2	1	Move HD 12 and HD 23 district boundaries north
2		2	Do not use gerrymandering when creating new districts
2	1	1	Include Wilsonville/Charbonneau in a single legislative district
2		2	Need to acknowledge the diversity of rural Oregon
2	2		Support for a coastal congressional district
2		2	Does NOT support independent redistricting commission
1	1		Nehalem should not be in district with inland urban areas
1	1		Keep districts as square as possible
1	1		Keep districts as circular as possible, not dividing property boundaries
1		1	Clackamas County cities should be kept in same district
1		1	Adair Village should be in district with Benton County, not coast
1		1	Move CD5 district boundaries northward
1		1	Use Willamette, Clackamas, and Tualatin rivers as boundaries
1		1	Use same process and guidelines as were used in 2011
1		1	Salem is diverse and also an agricultural center, divided east-west
1		1	Wait for Census data to arrive before redrawing district boundaries

1		1	Redistricting process should be fair and transparent
1		1	Urban and rural areas should be intermixed in districts
1		1	Urban and rural areas should NOT be intermixed in districts

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

--March 18 (5:30 PM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031055>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-18-17-30>

--April 10 (3:00 PM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021041313>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-04-10-15-00>

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

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--Oral Remarks April 10 (3:00 PM): Pages 22-37

--Written Comments March 18 (5:30 PM): Pages 38-41

--Written Comments April 10 (3:00 PM): Pages 42-47

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 1 - March 18, 5:30 PM

Name: Rep. Christine Drazan, HD 39

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: I am representing christina and I represent how center thirty nine, which is primarily located in clackamas county and a portion of marian county. I am represented by both coach trader and earl blue and our and like so many others who have testified before this committee in recent weeks. I am concerned that oregon takes steps to avoid gerrymandering at the beginning of the process of drawing our state political map. Recently eric holder, the former attorney general, under brock obama address, the newly appointed independent we district in commission in Wisconsin and had this to say with fair maps, you can have political debates that are not pushed to the extremes, but toward reasonable solutions in principle compromises and we all need that the best way to get there, as far as I'm concerned, is to create an independent redistricting commission. Here in Oregon. We, I think we can all agree that public discourse has suffered under jerry mander map, which do not, which do a poor job of allowing for fair representation. And instead increased division working together. We can amend a share seven now in house rules committee to create a non partisan independent commission with overwhelming single party control. This non protest commission is our best chance to avoid gerrymandering in Oregon and create their math like eric holder and more than sixty percent of americans. I agree that a non partisan independent commission is essential to ensuring master john without partisan bias, to ensure fair representation and avoid gerrymandering. With the delay and census data we've been given an opportunity to create a better path forward for the people of oregon. And non partisan independent commission will help ensure accountability and transparency and the

creation of organs. Legislative and congressional districts competitive elections are not only fair to both parties. They're the Hallmark of a healthy and mature democracy. So let's embrace this opportunity for reform. Let's take this opportunity to strengthen our state. Let's give or donate the chance to approve the formation of an independent redistricting commission to end gerrymandering. Improve representation and take partisanship out of this process once and for all. Thank you madam chair.

Name: Rep. Mike Nearman, HD 23

Key Points:

- Supports single coastal congressional district, current separated into three districts

Transcript: Thank you chair Taylor and chair Salinas and members of the committee. Thanks for here in my testimony today. So representative Jason, listen to her district has two congressional districts. Mine has three congressional districts. I have one, four and five in my tiny little house district, and I want to advocate on behalf of the coast now, which is not part of my district. But I think for a long time, Oregon has had several congressional districts along the coast. And it occurs to me that when we talk about continuous transportation areas and communities of interest that people in Warrenton are kind of like people in Band. And in a way that people in Lincoln City are not like so much like people in Malala. And I just think that that now is a, is a good time we have, we have two things that are kind of different this time. First of all is just a lack of data and then the crunch that we're under because of that. And the other thing is that we are getting a six congressional district. And so we're going to have to significantly throw out the map. Now is a good time to make the coast one single, congressional district and do whatever you have to do to get the population right to bring an inland as far as you go, or maybe curl under south or something like that. But that's a, that's, I think that should be a priority if you do that, that will cause other districts to fall in line and to be more like the communities of common interest, common cultural and economic interests that they should be. So thanks for the opportunity to testify. I have I'm with several other citizens who's also signed up to testify and I'm kind of helping them with the technology. So when they testify, they might sit up to my computer. I hope that's okay. It'll say Mike Nearman and I will be some actual non Mike Nearman citizen if that's okay. And I'm happy to take any questions and Okay, no, of course representative Nearman. You're more than welcome to have them use your kid. That's very nice of you to allow people to help facilitate folks to come and testify. Appreciate your doing that.

Name: Rep. Mark Meek, HD 40

Key Points:

- Support for legislative redistricting process
- Concerned that independent redistricting commission might lack diversity

Transcript: My name is Mark Meek, come to stay representative for how district forty and I do want to thank you for the opportunity to testify and the legislative district being process and thank you for all the work that you are doing to democratize the process of redistricting, the legislature, it has a constitutional obligation to read the district every ten years and feel is crucial that as many voices as possible are included in the process and through no fault of our own. There will be a massive delay in obtaining census data from the US census bureau. We need that data to do our job effectively and to fulfill our constitutional obligation. But we will not have a chance to meet the constitutional deadline of July first to complete the redistricting process. The legislature and I person body elected and accountable to all are going in to me. I think many other members is the most representative body to

complete the redistricting process. This should not fall on one office in the executive branch or on a hastily convened fifteen to twenty person commission. Under the current proposals, there is no requirement that the commission reflect the full diversity of the state potentially resulting in a commission that doesn't even come close to reflecting the live reality of Oregonians. I am fully confident that my colleagues, including my colleagues from the by-batch. Let's say a caucus will ensure that the redistricting process remains equitable and balanced. Allow for the voice of a diverse we're going to run the state and most of all accountable to the people and co-chairs. I thank you for the opportunity to speak on your heavy duty this year.

Name: Rep. Rachel Prusak, HD 37

Key Points:

- Supports current legislative redistricting process,
- Encourages efforts to include vulnerable populations in process
- Concerns about potential for independent redistricting commission

Transcript: For the record, my name is Rachel Prusak. I'm the state representative for house district, thirty seven, representing parts of Clatsop county in Washington county. American democracy was built on the ideal that every voice deserves to be heard. It's an idea I hold close to my heart as both an American voter and the trusted elected leader for my community. That ideal should be upheld in all aspects of our government, including the process of redistricting. It is imperative that we represent our communities accurately and clearly from the small compact districts within the Portland metropolitan area to the wide, sprawling district in Oregon rural areas. Current proposals for independent commissions ignore that ideal by not taking into account some of Oregon's most vulnerable populations. Effectively silencing their voice and democracy, the commission proposal thus far ignored the reality of staffing, timeline and budget needs involved in standing up a commission like this on short notice without proper time and financial support. We cannot put a commission together that will adequately represent the voice of all our guardians. We can't snap our fingers and have a fully vetted diverse impartial board to handle redistricting. Unfortunately, we don't have to. We have a process in place that puts trusted leaders chosen by the people of Oregon on this committee. And I believe we can and must trust our guardians, and the legislators they voted for to accurately and fairly redistrict the state. The best way to tackle the process of redistricting is through the legislative process. As elected officials, we are all accountable to the voice of our constituents. As elected officials, we have the benefit of representing every corner of our state. And as elected officials, we have the trust of our constituents to bring voice to this process. For our democracy, we must use the most representative and effective process for redistricting and I have full confidence in the elected official serving on this committee to bring forward a fair and balanced proposal. Thank you for your time.

Name: Rep. Paul Evans, HD 20

Key Points

- Supports legislative redistricting process
- Concerns about potential independent redistricting commission
- Likes current composition of CD 5

Transcript: Representative Evans, south side, twenty communities of Clatsop, west and south. So. And for the next couple minutes, I want to advocate for really three things. Number one, I want to begin and I will end with the same commentary. Republic, if we can keep it. It was a charge handed down by

doctor franklin after a somewhat tumultuous decisions about putting together a republic does not necessarily a democracy at all times, but a republic and the three things I want emphasized number one, I actually believe we have the government we deserve as good and as bad as our citizens want it to be. I don't believe independent commission is any more likely to come out with a extra wonderful answer. Then the tried and true process, a whole legislature that can and does have systems for accountability. There is no more important thing in our political life right now than accountability saying we're going to do and doing what we're going to say. The second is congressional district five is. I don't know if you remember the old tv show, the osmond twins a little bit country and a little bit rock and roll. It has a little bit of everything. It has farms, it is for us, it has rivers, it has the state capital, it has the coast. And it's already one of the twentieth districts in political terms, not in any of the you might be thinking of that we have in the state of oregon. If anything, I'm grateful to live in a place where it is so competitive. If anything in the map should actually, I think, be adjusted a little bit more to include more of been county and a little bit more of yam hill county. But that would be me. The third thing I want to emphasize is, if you really want to put touchstones for anchors into how we do this process, the existing councils are government. The three and four county councils of government really do emphasize the communities of interest that I think are important. Yamil county, polk County, marion county have worked together since one, nine hundred sixty to try to develop infrastructure support. We are mutually supportive of our shared goals. I know that the challenge before you is significant, especially given the trump administration's, shall we say, unique approach to providing information. However, I believe all of you can put together a great plan that reflects not only our values as a state, but reflects the changing demographics of our state where non affiliated voters are in fact fast becoming the largest majority of voters. So I thank you for this opportunity. I hope district five continues to look a little bit or mostly like it does because that little bit of country, little bit of rock and roll style of life is comfortable for us out here. And thank you very much for the opportunity. I hope that in your hands we will actually have a republic at the end of it.

Name: Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon, HD 22

Key Points:

- Concerned that BIPOC communities are underrepresented in Legislature and local governments
- Importance of engaging BIPOC communities in redistricting process

Transcripts: co chairs taylor and salinas by chairs can open by sure. David's a member of the redistricting committee for the record. My name is long for leone, and I am the representative for house district twenty two, which incorporates woodburn, through the north part of salem for the wreck. Oregon has a long history of white supremacy from our founding at the white, only state. I'm still in them by the communities have had to fight for the right to live and thrive. In Oregon, oregon, the history of the white only state also mass, the tube by puck, people have always called oregon home in sac, oregon. Changing my graphics over the past thirty years show the bypass families are a critical part of the fabric of communities and every part of our state and one, nine hundred ninety by people were thirteen percent of house districts sixty, which incorporates baker grad, harney bower, and parts of lake county today we are twenty five percent of the residents in these communities in hillsboro house district twenty nine is now forty two percent by presidents. We're in one, nine hundred ninety. We were less than ten percent of the population, the growth of our community. So happened in nearly every district in our state with bypass communities, choosing to call oregon home or political representation. The electorate offices do

not mere what oregon communities look like. Some oregon cities with American population of color have no representation of people of color on school boards. I'm city councils or county commissions. This means that one and four residents of our state or bypass oregon only has twelve elected official officials of color at the state level, according to two thousand and ten census data. Sixty percent of what residents are people of color communities of interest, but only to part but only two out of seventy counselors are part of people of color. According to the oregon department of Education, eighty three percent of students in when first school district identify as latino, eighty nine percent of wouldn't burn school district and identify as a current or former english language learners or are collect the Spanish indigenous languages bind us together in a meaningful community of interest is essential that my, that my high school district, twenty two constituents and all oregonians are able to see themselves and reflected in their elected official. I know personally how powerful redistricting can be because it was in two thousand and ten re districting proctors that made it possible for my community to elect someone who looks like me. By recognizing the importance of connecting communities of interest in house district twenty two, my committee was able to like the candidate of a choice. And the effect of this can't be underestimated. Seeing yourself in leadership makes others believe it is possible to because I became the first indigenous immigrant. Let the in the legislator more latino bypass, people are running for office at every level of my district from school board to city council. We now have a majority by students in the principal district and have doubled our representation and city council confirming our electoral systems is one way to address the one to fundamental lack of representation that communities of color face and our state. I look forward to working with this committee and our communities to ensure that redistricting, engage in the woods, burnett, taylor communities, particularly the communities of color, and that represents our growing needs. It's really important that as many voice as possible can be included in this process. The current proposal for independent commissions have unacceptable exclusions of entire categories of oregonians from the opportunity. Oh, I'm sorry. I did not hear the beep my bad. No, I didn't know you. Ok. Perhaps you didn't hear it. Ok, do you want to just conclude just save me? I don't we need to keep it consistent across if you don't mind. I'm so sorry. Representative alonza lee. Oh no it's okay. I just didn't and I got very excited with my speech. So my apologies. So I just, I just want to say that that it's just really important that we engage as many people in this process, especially our community for color and really think about the language barrier that can also happen. And that we consider those aspects so that all of our voices are represented as we do the redistricting and our state. Thank you so much appreciate your time.

Name: Tootie Smith, Chair, Clackamas County Commission

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerns about current makeup of CD 5, district stretches from coast into Clackamas County

Transcript: Thank you, chair, co chairs and members of a community. I'm judy smith coming to you as a citizen of clackamas county. I to appreciate how daunting your task is is I was a participant in a redistricting halford when I was in the legislature. I learned a lot during that. I would like to share with you some of those points. I believe oregon voters should choose their politicians. Politicians shouldn't choose their voters. It's a conflict of interest. What's best is a non partisan independent commission to draw the lines to ensure transparency, fair boundaries or communities of interest in geography or common considerations. These are unprecedented times. No one has the census data, and frankly, i

don't know how you're going to do your job without the census data. Go ahead and pass legislation to get the responsibility out of the hands of partisan legislatures, legislators, and into non partisan independent commission. You have the time, you don't have the data yet, you convert people from all over the state of Oregon, who I am sure are very capable of the task. Competitive elections are not only fair to both political parties. They are the Hallmark of a healthy and mature democracy. We need a system what a high level of Public confidence community of common interest is constitutional and shall be considered. Constituents in rural communities, care about similar things. Natural resource management land use crop production, water, livestock production, natural disaster planning, government regulations, taxation and transportation. Rural district boundaries should not be superseded for overshadowed by larger metro areas. Clackamas county is in congressional district five and congressional district three or also in the, in the communities and county use of tele, much, and Lincoln county. So we're coupled in with the coastal communities. Does that represent our best interests where I love the coast? I love the representatives from there. We may do better by considering common interests in common geographic areas. Thank you kindly sen, Kayla, for allowing me to testify. And good luck to you off.

Name: Levi Herrera-Lopez, South Salmem/Marion County

Key Points:

- Need time to engage difficult to reach and underrepresented communities in redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Larry Lopez. I've been a resident of Marion County and South Salem for more than twenty years. I'm joining you tonight as the executive director of Mano Manon Salem Beef Nonprofit with three decades of existence for mission, is to strengthen families and reduce toxic stress among the people we serve. We have supported more than three thousand families in Marion County and since the beginning, those up and they make through the wildfires and through the recent nice storms in twenty, twenty our, our organization also partner with us. And so it's community based organizations to support implementation of an equitable census across Oregon. We are now partnering with the same organizations to raise awareness and engage our community, my district team. And I'm sure to speak to you to the issue of engaging grassroots, already going in and even their input on this process. I think our partners we share, let concerned moving too fast with hearings may actually result in, in our community as being discounted. Instead of hearing from me tonight, the issue really hearing from one other people who so who was so eager about completing the fences. I could also offer you my own thoughts on whether you should be the legislature or special commission who lives this process. But I cannot tell you what my community thinks about that issue. Yet the, the faith told our communities are, their voices were critical. We believe due when, when we were told that taking the central lead to better representation, access to resources some power. Unfortunately, without adequate time or information being given to our communities. It's not possible for them to come together, develop reflections on recommendations for a district, and that really reflects their community representative as long. So y'all was mentioning which and if changes are going to govern us for a day came our communities really need contact information about how to engage in Oregon for distance thing processes from the state. We need that information at least two months before the formal engagement. So that we can, they can be indicated we can engage and, and collect their jobs. We need access to clarification on how to use the data that's going to be available. And really the sense of data, given all the work that was put in really needs to be accessible and for families to understand that many of our communities are essential.

Frontline workers, they're exhausted, we are exhausted. I had given enough time to come together. Our communities continue to lift up marian on poll counties and the rest of oregon. We are really what makes oregon feature byron, please do not leave them out and spend you for your time and consideration.

Name: Karla Spence Marks, Salem/Marion County

Key Points:

- Need to engage underrepresented communities
- Use other data to find communities while waiting for Census data

Transcript: My name is Carla marx and co chairs taylor intravenous. Thank you for this opportunity to testify tonight. I've lived in stay around for over twenty six years and I've been actively involved in advocacy for seniors and people with disabilities and the people who care for them for many years. And more recently, I have become more involved with our burgeoning population of neighbors who are living outside on the street under bridges and vehicles. And I've seen census workers make heroic efforts under these most challenging times to count every person in our state. And I'm hopeful that we will at least have close to an accurate count, including the and house children, non citizens, and undocumented or goni. And as you all know, the constitution does require that every person, regardless of their citizenship or economic status be counted in the census. I know that some of these populations are the least likely to be politically involved or even understand the importance of re district saying they're, they're too busy trying to just live. But we need to take into account how re districting decisions well affect their lives as well as our communities. This is a community issue that affects us all and it's reaching epic proportions as search. I hope this committee will continue to increase outreach efforts to diverse communities so that they can become educated about redistricting processors and its impact on all of our daily lives and hopefully also participate. I also know that the committee will consider data shift outside of just the senses when deciding how to draw the district boundaries. Because we are still waiting on census data, there is time for this committee to engage with other reliable data that may, in some cases, do a better job of documenting certain hard to count populations like immigrants and the on how's the static can also help eliminate eliminate certain communities of interest and new and relevant ways this where it can and should start now, regardless of when the sensors data finally arrives. And regardless of whether the legislature will be permitted to draw a line with new deadlines in the fall instead of in the summer, while there's census data, collection count is still incomplete. I hope that you will approach your work with a clear focus on redistricting. That is free from gerrymandering and partisan politics and intent on representing all oregonians regardless of status. Oregon's re districting process has a long history of fairness and equal representation. Thank you very much.

Name: Ronnie Daniels, Polk County

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: Okay, well sir, you're welcome. My name is John. Everything. Right? Yeah. First time everything hunting, but you know, I would like to personally be at the people's house there, but you know, honestly I don't, I don't see why I can do it on the main point. Let's get on it. We believe already on the record, please Are ronnie daniels, sharon oregon pulse county highway twenty two. Thank you. Yeah, mill river. We will have an order in bought a should choose or politicians. Politician should not choose their voters. It's a copper Canyon. We are asking for non parson independent commission to

draw the lines to ensure the transfer of the fair lives and non jerry man districts. And what I mean by that, elder jerry what our founding fathers, a lot of massachusetts. And he chose the when they did their centers and seventy nine inside of modifies that are based on various things. We're all americans. We do not need to be judged by modified by race economics and everything else which is beneficial. I would like for the respect request committee like dentist friction asked for that was trying and God bless us. So he was a very good representative of senator and also good secretary, former secretary state. I would respect request that we do that because right now people's trust is not worthy. They're not, in my opinion, is made up of one party of super majority of both sides, which is of the people. But I feel that having a by parts for many of every party, what does rain party, whether it's demographics, republicans, independence in a lease, and represent of some of the communities from the various organizations in mac address, congratulation, five will be beneficial. And the next thing really competitive election should be the photo barrier should be fair for both parties. Is part of the Hallmark of our country this down to help the a mature democracy. We got to have that man. We got interaction by pause and across the board, whether you're ranch or former, be cheaper black or like I was or anything else. The current situation made it difficult, not megan popple, achieved fairly without politic jeryn manning. But basis from what people see. And I talked to a lot of people involved, maryann and lincoln and tell them a county is that they don't trust our legislators right now. There's too much, they should not be. You have the power to give it to the people, get people out, commission, get their information without the information as you heard from previous speakers cern into census. If that's critical, we need it. Last thing on grass is community or common sense is constitution. Shelby consider constituents in rural community Care about some of the things natural resource management land use, proper dutch of water, large stock production, natural disaster planning like we don't do with the fires and other disasters over the years of large and various other, especially around salem or background, journey with the power outage, very unique element, spots unique america. And the last thing is this. Billy was purchased panic, mail, purpose, panic, and state order legislator in two thousand and four elected. And it shouldn't be based on color. It should be based on character and, and consciousness, and honor. And if we don't snapple that, then we were going to go through and just push back to like a lot of people have in their minds doubtfully the chain that is to give it to the intimate commission of a bipartisan group. Of all those people I requested. Thank you.

Name: Patrick Leach, Clackamas County

Key Points:

- Suggests using other data while waiting for arrival of Census data
- Sees pros and cons to independent redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Patrick leech. My pronouns are he his and I live in clackamas county, in unincorporated clackamas, very near kaiser hospital in house district, forty eight, and I learn recently when studying some maps. I am at the very corner of district fives, buys boundary with district three. One of my favorite things is this happens our math. I can, I can and do read them for ours like books. And as a former teacher, I can assure you that the majority of people learn and understand information best. Visually. I understand that performing the twenty twenty census like so many other things in the past year was disrupted and difficult to do. And it's official, data delivery is delayed. However, I believe that this committee and the legislature should start the process as is allowed by the organ constitution using existing data, including demographic school districts, housing development, data and other public records. And then utilize the census data when it becomes available. I can tell you with certainty that my

corner of district five is very diverse not only economically, but in terms of most factors, one can think of. As in clackamas county as a whole, we have a little bit of everything including the people who live here. And that's part of why I have lived and worked there for twelve years now and always enjoy coming home there. When I go to Portland, we deserve is fair representation as possible. And currently living near the district line that exists, i have concern about where it will move and who might be included. Eye witness, different versions of this process and other states. Somebody legislature, somebody independent commissions and somebody not so independent commissions. They all have pros and cons, and my experience has not given me a clear preference, but whether a legislature or commission completes this critical cast. We must ensure that the process is as complete and fair and as open as possible with as much public engagement and diverse data as, as possible. A thought on time. We almost remember that all ordonia and must live with the results of this process until twenty thirty. Thank you again for your time this evening and thank you for doing this difficult work. I look forward to participating in this process and working with this committee and communities in my corner of district fives in any way that I am able to. Thank you again.

Name: Ross Grami, Clackamas County

Key Points:

- Sees community as part of the metro area
- Concerned about current makeup of HD 5 that includes North Coast and other less urban areas
- Supports using other data while waiting for Census data to arrive

Transcript: The record, my name is Ross graham, and my pronouns are the him. I live in clackamas county, oregon in the district. I have lived in o grove for nearly four years now with my wife and son. I love the area I live in, surrounded by old growth trees and as the nice suburban forest feel that my wife and I were looking to settle into pretty incredible that you get that in the portland metro area. We're just six miles from the heart of the city and the ability to jump on the max pri, cobit and go downtown. Yes, still be surrounded by redwoods. Is something that super unique and something that we value like much of the metro area, our neighborhood is evolving. We are growing more and more. The two acre home at the end of our street will soon be nine houses. Development and growth are issues we're dealing with and I don't mean those are the negative. They're just facts and they raise new challenges and new opportunities for our community. But our community is part of the metro area, geographically, economically and politically. We are diverse and we are growing. And I believe that our representation, particularly at the federal level, should be we're more reflective of that community of interest, rather than the large swats of the north coast up or we'll m at valley and kaiser that our community now share the district with. And those are wonderful communities, don't get me wrong. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, like patrick, i want to ask the community starts using all sources of date of all data available. Now, instead of waiting to delay the census process, we need to start seeing maps as citizen. So we can make informed feedback and using existing data like demographics, school district, data, and other public information can help the public see this process as quickly as possible and provide feedback. It is no doubt a challenge in the cobit era, and I appreciate the work you are all doing to complete that. Senator taylor, you are my senator and I appreciate all the work you do very proud to have you as my sen. Thank you. Very nice. Thank you sir.

Name: Deborah Virden, Dallas

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned that rural areas aren't adequately represented

Transcript: Deborah burton from Dallas county. Welcome. So I'm honestly shocked, but it would even be a question that politicians would think they should choose who they represent. We elect people that we want to represent us and we have the perfect opportunity right now with the delays that no one could do anything about to get more information to have a non partisan, unbiased group or commission. Be able to draw those lines. We have the perfect opportunity to be able to have rural communities like mine represented properly. And because we honestly don't have a lot of common interest with those metro areas. I do not want to see the fingering influence of larger metropolitan counties blended in with the interest that they don't care about what's going on in the county. It's. There's a big difference in our lifestyle. Our common interests are backgrounds. The things that we focus on in our day to day lives are totally different than in the metro area. So I would love to see a delayed that we can avoid to be put to good use by being able to stop the gerrymandering. Being able to properly draw a line is that truly represent constituents. And that's all I have for you tonight. Okay, my question is thank you.

Name: Brando Martin, Marion County

Key Points:

- Sees low income and renting individuals as making up a community of interest that should be considered during redistricting, especially in CD 5.

Transcript: My name is Brenda martin, i pronounce him and I live in marion county congressional district drive. I lived in kaiser for my entire life, and only until recently has my hometown actually begun to feel like home. I currently work with renters and tenants and marion county were facing many crises as a panoramic persists. And the deadline for the current state wide eviction moratorium approaches. District five campuses, several counties. But today am speaking as a resident and community member of marion county. A community of interest, as we know refers to a group of people with a comments or concerns that may be affected by legislation. I believe the voice of the low income rent in communities community and marion county needs to be heard and as a significant community of interest as we share concerns with one another. And are deeply affected by legislation. Part of the required redistricting criteria as to not divide a community of interest. And as marin county and specifically, salem continues to develop long time residents who rely on and need affordable housing that should not be forgotten or divided. And any redistricting proposals, it is my hope that the committee considers how the current iteration of congressional district tribe is serving or not surveying low income renters and how any redistricting proposal would affect this community throughout all district five, not just marin county, the need for affordable housing as dire and blatant, i speak and work daily with tenants in this district who cannot find or access affordable housing. Public housing authorities like to say on housing Authority have closed their wait list because the wait time can be up to two years long. As new buildings, both commercial and residential continue to be developed throughout district drive. These questions must be asked who do these building serve? Which communities have access to and benefit from this expansion and development? How will redistricting proposals for district drive consider plans for urban development? affordable housing, and resident residential growth, especially for low income renters. As this process continues and testimonies continue to be shared, i hope that if or when congressional district five undergoes change, it will be for the benefit of all residents, including renters and tenants. So

that district time can feel like home for all. I also hope that the committee makes use of all turn of data, such as operated by school districts to inform the decision making process. I look forward to working with this committee, the organ legislature and our communities to ensure that low income rent communities are heard. Thank you for your time and work on this issue, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Name: Debbie Cabrales, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Concerned by lack of diverse representation
- Believes that independent commission might not represent all communities
- Need to engage LantinX community

Transcript: For the record, my name is Debbie. Denise. Scott alic, my pronounce. She hers and a Yeah. And I live in marion county, congressional district five. Whatever will forever be my home hand. It is important to me because I live among people who speak my language. Look like me and share the same struggles as I do. One of the main struggles is not being able to have more elected officials. I look and represent people who look like me, which is why I decided to run for what, For what burn, city council. We all know that in order to make a change in the community, it takes everyone to be involved. Which means getting people that have the same background as we do to represent us. I trust that the legislator is the best body to do redistricting because as an elected official we know our communities and what they need at the moment the where the commission is structured it would exclude so many people like myself and those in my community that should be involved without a dedicated process to do a commission. There would be a lot of Labor asked without compensation, very extreme barriers for our community members to be involved in the commission due to them having families of their own and having to work. Our community doesn't come from generational wealth and as much as they will love to be a part of these conversations and commission, they just can't take time off of work. We should also know that there aren't any examples of maps showing that what the redistricting would look like, which makes things really difficult for our community to understand what the change will be. Which is why we should ask ourselves. How can we have a commission without actual representation of the communities that we are trying to read district? I would just like everyone to hear to know about a field so amazing being able to walk through downtown, we're going to be able to support our small businesses. It amazing foods and deserts and be around people who represent my quarter and my community. I look forward to working with this committee, the committee committee, the oregon legislator and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages our next community. And that responds to our growing the legislators process for engaging oregon communities and redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you so much for your time and work on this issue, and I'd be happy to answer any questions you.

Name: Brenda Frketich, St. Paul/Marion County

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned about underrepresentation of rural areas

Transcript: My name is Brenda for catch and I'm a third generation farmer from St. Paul. I farm alongside my husband and our three children. I would like to speak to you today from my experience in talking with the legislature over the years and watching the process very closely. Simply put, I believe my agricultural and rural voice hasn't been heard. Because of this, I'm concerned about the treatment of

rule oregonians in the redistricting process and listening to testimony. I'm even hearing others question, the term rule and questioning my identity. This is wrong and it's a sense of twenty five, the organs. Thirty six counties are categorized as non metro rule, meaning they have no communities of forty thousand or more residents. Ten of those counties have population density of less than six people per square mile. Even organs, most populous counties have many rule and agricultural dependent residents. The lower population of these communities makes them more vulnerable to during mentoring, where districts are drawn to delete the voice of these rural citizens. I can easily point to data as to this happening. It is essential to protect rural communities of interest in the redistricting process. As a farmer, i know when something doesn't work, and when something doesn't work, we must change the process. Having legislators choose their electra, it is innately a conflict of interest. Perhaps the greatest conflict of interest, seen how the committees are split up with majority democrats. Knowing the democrats have control of the secretary of state and the Governor's Office. I can only believe that those who hold all the power will want to keep that power and will draw the lines accordingly. I also noticed both chairs of this committee are from the greater portland metro area. I've spent enough time in the Capital and advocating for the agricultural community to know how understanding portland legislators are of communities outside of portland. I would also guess that I don't understand a lot about what the needs are of within the metro area either and listening to public testimony. Testimony over the past multiple weeks, the overwhelming ask is to move this responsibility out of the hands of partisan politicians and into independent non partisan commission. And I agree, we know how partisan and divided our state and Country is you have the opportunity to choose people over political power and ultimately choose what is best for organ. And I urge you to do so. The current political situation we find ourselves in makes it difficult and maybe impossible to achieve fairness without political gerrymandering. Rule district boundaries have been superseded and overshadowed by larger metro areas and because of this, it has diluted voices just like mine. Thank you so much for your time and consideration..

Name: Dr. Reginald Richardson, Salem/Keizer

Key Points:

- Need to protect voting power of historically underrepresented communities
- Remember the significant impact redistricting can have and focus on areas with growing populations

Transcript: My name is Dr. Retinal, richardson and I'm the president of the salem kaiser, and w. C. P. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of right to eliminate race based discrimination and ensure the health and wellbeing of all persons. The end of the a, C P. It is the oldest civil rights organization in the country. I am testifying on why the redistricting process needs to be fair, transparent, and center the most impacted communities. How districts are drawn offense, every political issue from the economy to health Care and to public education. Leaders are elected from districts that don't reflect the population you end up with situations where leaders support policies that the vast majority of people are cold or they want support policies that the vast majority of people support organ has a long and dilatory has history of discrimination. Against the african americans keeping community think, keeping communities of interest together is an important principle of re districting. It can be especially helpful to community and traditionally left out of the political process. We know that african american communities have voted as blocks, ensuring discontinues is of utmost importance. Historically, we have seen institutionalize examples to diminish the voting power of black

communities, including efforts to suppress folks in communities of color. The legislature cannot ignore the consequences of race in Oregon in drawing districts. For these reasons, the retail drinking committee needs to ensure that any bill that it passes protects the boating power of historically disenfranchised communities. Additionally, any maps that need to account for growth rates of minority communities as compared to grow a range of white populations for communities of color. The redistricting process is extremely important after all, and lots us into voting districts for ten years. If the lines are drawn unfairly, it could mean that our voice and our boat won't matter as much over the next ten years. Thank you very much for your time and your work on this issue.

Name: Anthony Veliz, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Large LatinX community in and around HD 22
- Community of interest that should be kept together
- Supports current redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Anthony valley and I live in Whitman, 14regon, and the congressional district. My grandparents arrived here woodburn, in one nine hundred, forty six as farm workers. My family had been in woodburn and now beyond for five generations. As representative along to leon mentioned, wendeborn is the largest minority majority community in Oregon with over sixty percent of its population. Who identify of latinos by twenty thirty latinos were girl between eight hundred thousand and two million oregonians in both urban and rural settings. I was fortunate enough to learn from the best which our farm workers, when it comes to ensuring representation and the important the public service. My grandparents generations thought to be seen and let alone heard. Unfortunately, I pro representation without them reach for their generation. Today to generation later, I have served the first latino ever elected to the school board and woodburn, and only the second law ever elected to the woodman to the council. And I'm just coming off my eighth and bon a year as the on the state board of Education and the representing the congressional district. So I personally know how critically important it is to have representation. We have seen how when a community comes together we can build political power that will allow us to be represented in our communities of interest in woodbridge share. Many interests beyond just as an racial and economic groups. That is why it's important that throughout this process we should f center impacted community in the process. And how can we can do this by using data that is already available, such as the American community survey, school districts or information and housing developers. Across 14regon, 14regon voters have already implemented back stops for exact kind of situation. So we can continue this process. Feeling represented in your district is important to my community. And we will see with our elected officials and our level of governance. In closing, i along with frank garcia junior, participated in the redistricting of what is now house. It's a twenty two over a decade ago in the hopes that we would some day elect, someone who could represent growing the growing latino community. I think that expiration was filled actually so I look forward to working with the committee, the organ legislature in our communities to ensure the redistricting engages the latino land community statewide and the response to our growing needs for my understanding, i understand that redistributing is been around for generations, and I think that it's part of our 14regon and American process. So I think the, the work that we're doing is fine. And I think that, you know, we elect you as public like to go to represent us and to do the people's work. So I'm a part of this committee in your work and I hope to work with you in partnership in the future. Thank you very much.

Name: Daysi Bedolla Sotelo, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Need for representatives who understand needs of farmworkers, other unrepresented communities
- Importance of HD 22 as a community

Transcript: My name is Stacy by the way. My premise or she her caea and they live in marion county house district twenty two. I had lived in this area for a routine years now, and I feel like I found my home away from home. This district is Rich and culture diversity language, traditions in gray, full of sports. This area is very important to me as many of my family members also live in strict. You see, I'm a first generation stated in the house of thirty three grand children and I was the first one who was sent to break was and barriers in the society. Just like me. There are many more that are coming along and Learning the ropes of navigating the systems. In two thousand and sixteen were representative that they sell and selling what the I had hope. I had hoped that I could run for office hope that my little sister could see herself initial position positions in dream of being the president. At the latino community continues to grow and there are more little girls. I want them to continue to see themselves in these leadership positions. I want to make sure that there is more representation in our legislature and those that are empower, understand the struggle farm workers, like my parents who wake up every single morning with the purpose to provide for their families. I want to elected officials to understand their appearance can stay at home during pandemic, se wildfire or any emergency because they have to work, and they serve protection in a fair wage for their work. As someone who identifies the latino community, i am concerned about how the legislation aspects are lives. And really every day. One of the major ones we have a community has been driver licenses for all with other presentation in the legislature. Many community members would not have been able to get their licenses this year. We know that our community, when, when we come together and we were and we, we are able him, you are able to do this because we are doing there with neighbors or siblings or our french. And though, and we share it, let the experiences redistricting is important to us and we ask that impacted communities are asked to be at the table and their experiences are heard. We one other districts to have the same opportunity as house district twenty two, all over the state. And when we see representation, when we work for represent her representatives or senators, we know that there is a system put into place that allows us to continue. That will be process and that includes the voices of my community and other communities. I also want to thank you for having these hearings and I ask that you continue to hear to share our communities. Although we can't use census data because of covered nineteen, I urge you all to start the process we use. In addition of data that's already available to us. Cover in eighteen relief has already excluded many of our bypass communities and disenfranchised us. And we cannot afford to exclude them from this process as well. Or voices need to be heard in representatives rights are being i trust that you just state your will act in or community service interest and center or voices i trust. Representative looks like me will advocate for my community and I look forward to working with this committee, the legislature and others to ensure that our latino community is represent. Thank you very much for your time

Name: Ira Cuello-Martinez

Key Points:

- Importance of HD 22 to communities of interest
- Use alternative data while waiting for census data to arrive

Transcript: My name is iraq way, martinez. I am a lifelong resident of marian county, currently living in house district twenty two. My family and I have lived in film for over two decades and are very familiar with the city and surrounding areas. My parents came to stay on because of Family members who already lived in the area, but decided to stay in the field because of the rich agriculture and the county and the easy access to the city. We grew up live up loving the city, but as I grow older, i also became aware of some disparities when it came toward demographics and elected officials. In particular, this young school district has over fifty percent students of color with us while the school board has no representation for the students. Although there are many things we love about the city. There are also some improvement improvement that could be made on behalf of our communities. I want to share my story in the community of interest. I belong to. I grew up in a low income neighborhood where I was able to make friends who shared similar experiences of having parents who spoke a foreign language. The older kids in our neighborhood would support the younger ones with homework. But more importantly, we always had a crew to go play at the nearby park. Our parents were also very close and supported each other in terms of need. If someone need a babysitter, our neighbors were there and still needing some milk. Our neighbors were there. If they needed a job, our neighbors were, there are neighbors and friends understand what we've been through and what we're going through. At the end of the day, we support each other to the extent possible, because we know each other best. Our community also has vested interest when it comes to state legislation. For example, I vividly remember when oregon stopped issuing driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants, and we relied on our neighbors for right to school sports games and other central trips. Fortunately, the immigrant community in my neighborhood and district mobilize the political power to ensure our concerns were heard and addressed by the state legislator. However, it took over a decade of organizing to securities to make three for our communities. This is just one example of the importance of keeping communities of interest together to address our share. Oregon has great additional resources like the p S. U population research center to start looking for data. And we also have access to the American community survey school district and housing development data. And this information gives us the opportunity to start the redistricting process before the census data is available. Once we have a tenant data, then we can re engage a community with maps made using sensitive information is important to note their oregon history of discrimination against spike in the US and people of color. And so you know that the communities have historically voted as blocks and ensuring that this continues is of the utmost importance. Finally, I want to express the difficulty of engaging in redistricting with the lack of example naps. I asked to be providing something concrete to look at, which would help the community engage with this process. As we go to re district team, I want you to prioritize the following considerations. Impacting communities need to be centered in the process and how come oregon to not delay the process. Given that we have sufficient credible and available data to begin redistricting and viewing, represented in your district. I look forward to working with this committee and the oregon legislator to ensure that we distribute engages with low income in community and to our growing needs. The legislative process for engaging in Oregon communities in redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you very much for your time and work on this issue and I hope you have a great rest your evening.

Name: Maria Cabrales, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Concerns about lack of representatives who understand community
- Need to engage LatinX community in redistricting
- Concerns that independent redistricting commission might not be representative

Transcript: My name is Monica ratliff. My parents, are she her and I live in my county district. I live in this area, my whole life going on twenty five years. Is sweet interesting process. I believe these key things should be at the forefront of consideration. This committee should center infected communities in the process and because we need to feel good and then on a share a little bit more about my story and why we care about re districting. Growing up in the public school system, I found myself taking classes and Learning left my first language printing and things in reading stories that were culturally relevant to my own experiences. Home with my parents could actually understand and actively help me with as part of the bilingual k through twelve program. One conferences came often than not one income, a district majority let next, a lot of my family to find and have access to support system. The teachers in the public school system that contributed to our success and continued to contribute to the success of our neighbors. Whether be working from four in the morning to five in the afternoon under the scorching sun. Finding a missing families too far away to regularly visit. I'm standing saturday mornings in the park, watching club. We lost on the street and around me, there was always someone there that looks like keeping communities of interest to others, to build power and voluntarily with one another. This is why representation matters, or parents. Neighbors is there to be represented. Well, they can communicate with someone who can have a conversation with, but it's not just about language. It's about understanding the culture and having shared experiences in presenting someone who can relate to our stories because they have lived on all the relative who pushes and struggles. And understands me. This committee should use data that is already available in the state of Florida. In resources can include the pants to population way through the American community survey school district and housing development. Can give us a chance to start the process before the census data is available, and then main gauge or communities with not using census data to working with this committee, oregon legislation and our community to ensure that re districting, engage in community, and that it respond to our growing needs legislatures, bringing in communities in the district being is going to be critical. Thank you very much for your time and are on this issue.

Name: Karina Guzman Ortiz, Salem

Key Points:

- Increasing diversity of Salem area
- Common interests of LatinX communities
- Supports using alternative data sources while waiting for arrival of Census data

Transcript: Good afternoon, co chair taylor and selena vice her spoke foster davis and members of the redistricting community for the record. My name is Gary and I was one of these other she, her a and I reside on the land of the California now known of marion county. I am represented by sen, patterson that represented more green. And I've been in the general sales area. The young age of four, and my parents and strawberry fields across the Valley and we in the car with my younger sister, while the berries on their knees. I grew up on the martha eastern side of town, where you can find a mexican metabolic flipping out the hanging above your head. Like I said, with the store owner who makes you feel like you're in the mexican fresh market. When I start with a new liter, i grew up with pending are

public Schools, schools with hundreds of students of color from the many ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Our community has grown and we have expanded throughout town. Now that I live on the South east end of I am glad to have fresh fruits and vegetables available from the small mexican shops, just a short drive away. Our schools have also seen a slow, big growing number of educators that represent the diverse student body. Our community is constantly changing, however, we continue to like the representation from our elected officials at all levels. It's important to consider that this area is home to people of various ethnic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds where working class people who are impacted by systemic racism. And who face barriers to access health, education and economic resources every single day. I'm a mother to me and, and all that. Right. That for my children's identity development, it has been important to be in the community that reflects the language, the food and the culture that they see in here at home. Until nineteen hey, we would gather with dozens of other families of mexican and latin american descent. As a part of a local organization to plan cultural community bank practice and performer traditional dance to the music and cook and celebrate our traditions. Together. My children know their roots and our product who they are. And I want this to continue to be the norm for everyone in my community and across oregon. It's important that communities not be split apart, that we have the state and local over representation of our people. Growing up in North salem and being a woman of color represent our community has been empowering as we move forward with this redistricting process. Please keep following the following consideration one. We need to have impacted community center through the out the entirety of the process because the outcome will have a long term impact on real life when people were not mere numbers and to genuine representation of Community matters. It's important that you think age and communication with community until we have census data driven map to move forward with. In the meantime, we can get the data from the pnc population research center, the American community survey and information from our school districts and housing development to be in the process. We need to concrete visuals and information to have our community engage. Examples of maps would be helpful and my community life people of different languages, the literacy levels. And this is true for our rural and suburban areas. It's important that the community you make conscious effort to enter the accessibility of this process to all people. I look forward to working with this committee, the organ legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting, engage with black, indigenous people of color. I'm a community and will tell me what can we do that our response to our growing needs. Thanks so much for your time. And your work on this issue.

Name: Kathleen Hadley, Rickreall/Polk County

Key Points:

- Concerns that current maps underrepresent rural areas and were pro-incumbent
- Need for better ways to engage community, especially those who lack internet access or are uncomfortable with technology

Transcript: My name is Kathy hardley and I live just west salem in the recruit area. Sorry. We're a farm with my father and husband, and we raised our three young boys. Redistricting process is probably the most important aspect of politics this year. As you all know, being over a year into this pandemic, though, I'm seeing exhaustion all around us and well online hearings like this or increasing access for some digital only events, create major barriers for rural people. And those with little to no access to the Internet, and frankly, those just not comfortable with technology. My dad being a prime example, there simply isn't the motivation right now for people to participate in these more limited ways. In some of

the situations, i really hope more is done to ensure that all voices are heard throughout this process. Today I wish to speak specifically to being rural and drawing attention to multiple districts around the state that did not take into account communities of common interest in past re districting. Unfortunately, I have no reason to believe it's going to be different this time around oregon's too special and we have so much opportunity in this diverse state to allow gerrymandering and partisan power to cancel votes, ideas, and ways of life like mine. To me, the community of common interest shouldn't be only considered just because it's listed in the statute, but to achieve the true intent of this whole process, which to me is providing the best representation possible. This factor should be prioritized this mean looking through the local lenses to ensure people are grouped together that care about similar things for us in more rural area. Often that's land management, timber, and crop production, transportation systems, etc. When the policy decisions in these areas are ideal, logically based low due to a lack of experience and expertise when considering and evaluating, these important issues are rural areas. Often they are disproportionate consequences. This is a direct result of past year mandarin involving many districts with significant rural areas which is ended up marginalizing these voices and insight. I applaud former secretary state dennis richardson having foresight, which is two thousand seventeen task force to evaluate this entire process. The task force assembled members to show the diversity of oregon and I believe their words should be strongly considered. And I quote, oregon can do better the task force concluded the organs current system of re districting like most around the nation is defective and should be overhauled. It's currently controlled by the legislature and it's susceptible to political manipulation. Redistricting efforts in the past years resulted in accusations of gerrymandering. That favorite part is an interest in protecting converts, although the two thousand and eleven plan was approved with bipartisan support. It's been criticized as a pro income, but map that place the interest of politicians in the head of citizens. There is an inherent conflict of interest in allowing legislators to draw their own districts and pick their own voters. And I know oregon three disconnecting system can do better to put the power back in the hands of average organ. I couldn't agree with this conclusion more, and I thank you very much for your time today.

Name: Don Seil, Salem/Polk County

Key Points:

- Area is increasing diverse
- Consider using other data sources while waiting for Census data to arrive

Transcript: Good afternoon, coach is Taylor. You may need to speak up a little bit or offer davis. Can you speak up a little bit? Hello. Yes, yeah, definitely. Ok. Continue microscopes, my phones are and I live in murray county city. I've been a long life president for, for the, for years, for college, my parents after graduation. But I realized that the best way to share my country. Sure, my to, and I have to say I have been disappointed in my decisions seem to resiliency of my community throughout. Throughout the wildfires in winter, storm has really highlighted what what is a place where you can count on your neighbors in the community when you need help and walk down the street. If you want a mexican food growing up in transitioning to a place like going to put things into perspective for the community around with your success rate or somewhere else around that. But people who like me and care representation matters, and we have seen how communities with common interests come together to build political power. With a growing number of communities of color has encouraged their members your community to take on leadership goals, arrange for school board committees in the city council. This is inspired me to take part in the greater presentation in my community. This is why I care about the district in I believe

that the legislature should center the most impacted communities in this purchase. Sure, the we feel represented in, or districts, or doors have implemented back subs, please, so that we can move forward with the scheme proseries that also concern this committee as we resources also works in our data like the piece you population research center, the American community survey school district and housing development to start looking at in considering this can give us a chance to start the process before the central teeters bailable and then re engage the community with maps, musicians. And I look forward to working with this committee, your legislature to ensure that you register to our community in response to are going to go into for just partners for engaging communities in a district teen is going to be critical for the country.

Name: Maria Hinojos Pressey, Salem

Key Points:

- Presence of large LatinX community in area
- Potential for using alternative data sources

Transcript: My name is Maria host, pressing my pronouns or she her her is a and I live in marion county district five. I've lived here burning only for years, and then I'm very proud that this is where I'll be raising my daughter. There's a vibrant next community and the district is growing. It's important to me to live in an area where my family can communicate a place that speaks my original language and have folks that have the same lived experience with us. The community that I live in is predominantly latin next, and we can all those sounds like portland road and there's some amazing food truck food over there as well. I know that once my daughter is old enough to attend the salem kaiser school district, she'll be able to attend with all the friendly faces. We've come to know every day. I believe the community should stay together so that we make sure we're uplifting our latin next community. And Sure they have access to the story we are, which is why we care about re districting this committee should center the most impacted process. I care about my community and I want to feel represented in all levels of governance. It's impacted to be centered in the process an outcome. It should be noted, but not having any examples of that makes the process more difficult. Giving something concrete to look out would help the community engage. Oregon has great additional resources, as some folks who stated previously, like the population research center, an american community service school district and housing development for start looking and considering important data. We can give us a chance to start the process before the thing was level and then re engage the community with map using census data. I look forward to working with the community, the organ, legislature, and our communities to ensure committees to ensure that re districting engages are by community and it responds to our growing needs. The legislatures process for or engaging organ communities in reject. Redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you for your time and work on that issue.

Name: Jon Golly, Polk County

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission that would lead to competitive districts

Transcript: My name is John. Golly, i'm a resident of dallas care in polk County. It's important that we have non germ jerry mannered, competitive districts. Sense of data is the cornerstone of a fair and accurate roadmap for drawing our districts. I think we have been the constitution enough in this past year that we can wait for the census data to to become available. There will be ninety six districts drawn

this year. Nine hundred people will have both on what the districts will look like. For thirty seven democrats in the house and eighteen democrats in the senate, these districts will have fifty five people and the majority party is drawing their own districts as anyone expect them to draw them so they might lose. But the current level of distrust in state government, oregon needs a way to draw districts that doesn't involve the people running in them to be both fair and to give the appearance of fairness, i urge you to find an option that creates an independent redistricting commission commission or some other way to draw these districts that inspires confidence that we in a fair process was used. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Name: Bobby Powell, Dallas

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Very diverse interests in Oregon, commission would be more inclusive

Transcript: Thank you. Jared and chairs. Never mind. A livable county in Dallas. Been a resident in Oregon about ten years. My thought is, especially after the year that we've been through that anything that we can do to put things back in the hands of the regular citizen would be a good thing. The current climate just seems to seem to lend to that because there's a joint resolution now and since the centers of every ten years, what seems to be the big rush. I mean we have the time to do this. I'm sure there's many people out there that have major concerns and a lot of slowing the process on does give them the opportunity. It's missed one time to, to lend the lynn something to those concerns that are going to make them feel a little bit more included in whatever process we have going. We have going down. So I would, I would like to see the kind of commission For that reason. And I also would suggest Be because of what I hear and listen to tonight. It seems that there is just a wide gap between the type of citizenry that we have here. Now and that, and you know that being a little bit more inclusive with it and going to come commission might be the way to go. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it.

Name: Kelie McWilliams, Polk County

Key Points:

- Concerned about rushing to implement independent redistricting commission, might not be representative

Transcript: My name is Kelly mcwilliams. I live in house district twenty in polk County, which is in congestion, congressional district five. This is a rural county where every vote matters highest good for us and oregon voters and residents will be served by an intentionally inclusive justice focus legislative process. The redistricting process is vital to ensuring representation works the way it should. Anything that leaves people out on the basis of age, race, sexual orientation, or other uncontrollable factors, or allows one demographic group or party to control the process is antithetical to democracy. For this reason, we must be focused on providing adjust transparent, process an outcome. Additionally, the people oregon elected their legislators to do the job of redistricting. And we do not have the time to implement a commission to complete the whole process by the July first step by and especially when you factor in, shooting the participants, assigning support staff and creating policies to ensure that the commission is independent and non partisan. The short term impacts of this decision will last ten years and perhaps much longer. It would be a mistake to rush to move to a new process. For this reason alone. The current process was the one selected by oregon voters. It is time for legislators to step up to the task they were hired to do, rather than passing the buck to an unelected commission. Under the

proposals we've seen so far in Oregon, there are no assurances that the commission or a lack to the full diversity of the state be by race, age, gender, income, or geography. That means it is entirely possible that it would exclude hundreds of thousands of everyday Oregonians, particularly young people, into new citizens, low income people, and black, indigenous and other people of color. For these reasons, I do not support the implementation of an independent commission for this year's redistricting task. Thank you so much for your time and consideration on this important issue.

Name: Jim Robertson, Dallas

Key Points:

- Concerned that Democrats are overrepresented in Legislature
- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: My name is Jim Robertson, I live in Dallas, Oregon. I'm in the Russell district and I want to talk a little bit about my history to explain my thoughts on this. I spent thirty five years in the navy where, you know, to the constitution of the United States in America, we've hired people elected them in two positions, to swear, to the state of Oregon and that same constitution, I swore enough to for thirty five years. I think if we take those people and they go in and try to decide where they're going to draw lines I take out is wrong because it does not include city of the young lady who just spoke before me. I think what that does is that negates some of the people opinions, viewpoints, perspectives, wives, and livelihoods. Currently, thirty nine percent of Oregon voters are registered Democrats, but we have sixty one percent of the later which is Democrat. I don't see how our current lines and if we have those same people draw new lines that is going to change that so that the legislature actually supports and represents the people of Oregon. I'm asking you to use an independent organization to read. So do the redistricting instead of using what we've been using and going the same way that we have because all that's going to do, it's going to show more division in the country. More division in the state or division in the counties and more division in the cities. I plead to you guys to go with an independent commission to do this. Thank you very much for your time.

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 2 – April 10, 12:00 PM

Name: Rep. David Gomberg, HD 10/Lincoln City

Key Points:

- Does not support adding valley areas to district
- Coastal communities have separate concerns from those areas, which would be overrepresented

Transcript: For your record, I am David Goldberg from House District Ten on the central coast. I have been following your hearings with interest and I'm particularly interested in the subject of communities of interest. As you know, I represent one of Oregon's four coastal House districts. I'm not from the eastern rural Oregon area or the urban I-5 corridor. I'm from the beach, I'm not from red or blue, Oregon. I'm from purple, Oregon. Our communities historically benefit from a natural resources economy. Fishing,

farming and forestry now bolstered by tourism and retirement. In fact, one third of my constituents are over the age of sixty five and the largest source of income in lincoln county right now is not fishing or tourism, but retirement payments. As we look to how our districts will be withdrawn for the next ten years. I implore you to ensure a reasonable degree of coastal integrity as communities of interest. And I'll add that that I know with some disappointment that No coastal representatives are, are serving on either of our redistricting committees. We don't have any census data yet, but there are things we know and they were indicated in the charts we just looked at our populations on the coast have grown. And this suggests that our smalling, districts will become smaller geographically. But portland factors grow more, which means our strict flow actually gets bigger or from my home house. District ten now stretches fifty miles to total look and morton fifty miles to ya. Hops in the South, fifty miles to sheridan in the east, and about a mile to the west in the pacific ocean. So how and where will we expand? The only thing I can say for certain is that I won't be going further west. Oh, by the way, how strict district ten now also includes fall city and polk County. I love that little town in the coast range, but I literally have to drive out of the district to get back in the fall setting. So chairs, it might be tempting to create a highway twenty district to link newport with Core dollars, or we could link florence with eugene and lincoln city with mcminnville. This would be easy, but it would be wrong. Spreading the coast into valley population centers would create more valley districts and eliminate important bipartisan coastal voices in salem. I know the choices before you are difficult, but maintaining legislative voices for coastal shoes. Coastal industries and coastal communities will help sustain a vital part of oregon's diversity. And I appreciate you giving me a few minutes to share that with you.

Name: Rep. Suzanne Weber, HD 32/Tillamook

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Likes that entire district is rural, easier to represent as opposed to urban and rural district where interests may compete

Transcript: My name is Susanne webber, and I am proud to be the state representative for house district, thirty two, which comprises the entirety of class of county half of tell them a county before west side of Washington county and one household in the county. My district boundaries aren't perfect. It's frustrating for some to have kilmer county bifurcated down the middle. However, what I'm happy that I can say that the entirety of my district is rural. We truly, our communities have common interest. That is just something that all of my colleagues can say to. Many of them represent communities whose interests compete, making it incredibly difficult to accurately represent them. When a piece of legislation would benefit urban communities and hurt rural communities. Legislators whose district comprise both are forced to cast a vote against the least of some of their communities. When that's the case. And the lines are drawn that way by the legislature, whether it is intentional or not, voters feel disenfranchised. They feel angry and unheard in. And when they feel unheard, one of two things happens. Either they become totally disillusioned with their government even to the point that they see no point in even voting. Because they don't believe it would make a difference. Or they began to dabble in anti government rhetoric, believing that the government is out to get them and must be stopped. And when decisions are being made that are constantly attacking their way of life and ability to feed their family, their voice isn't being heard. And that's not be, that's not surprising. So how can we combat this? It's more simple than we might think. Oregon is the only state on the West Coast that does not leave redistricting to a non partisan independent commission. These commission members aren't elected

officials. They have little or, or no stake in the results, and therefore their decisions can be viewed by reasonable people as fair and equitable. However, we who are elected officials have a very large stake in the results of the redistricting process. Our jobs literally rest on their results. And because of that, No matter what results we come to, even if they are the most fair district lines ever drawn in the history of the state of Oregon, they will be viewed as suspect by many or guardians. Why? Because voters should choose their politicians. Politicians shouldn't get to choose their voters. Thanks to the sound decision of the Oregon Supreme Court giving us more time to draw district lines. We have the opportunity to convene an independent redistricting commission and give Oregonians faith in their government. In addition, we should refer a constitutional amendment to the people of Oregon asking them if this should be the way that we handle redistricting every time, so that we don't find ourselves in this situation again. Colleagues, we have a chance to take some of the intense partisanship out of our politics and we need desperately to lower the temperature in our political process. And here is a chance for us to do it. And I hope we can put partisanship aside and do what is best for the people of Oregon. I thank you.

Name: Rep. Raquel Moore Green, HD 19/Salem

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: My name is Raquel Moore Green and I'm the state representative for health district nineteen south Salem Turner and Phil. Today I'm before you in support of an independent redistricting commission. I serve on the House Health Care, the Energy Environment committees, among others. And in the course of our public policy discussions, the concept of alignment with our neighbors to the north Washington and to the South California is a very common theme. Both our neighbor to the north and to the South have independent redistricting commissions. There are twenty six other states that have either a commission or consider in the establishment of one people. Not politics recently reported that eighty three percent of Democrats, sixty seven percent of Independents, and sixty percent of Republicans support independent redistricting independent redistricting means a non partisan group. Not my fellow legislatures who could be swayed to draw a line to the manner that better per reflects their political preference. People not politics. There is a vehicle ready to make this happen. House joint resolution seven, if adopted by the legislature will provide or gone in the opportunity to amend the Oregon constitution and create a citizens redistricting commission. This commission would adopt redistricting maps for the Senate House of Representatives and the U. S. Congress. I urge you to allow the committee to consider the merits of house joint resolution seven. The vast majority of voters support and independent redistricting commission. I believe that representative Webber in her previous testimony set at the very best voters should be able to choose their politicians. Politicians should not be able to choose their voters. Please make this opportunity for house, joint resolution seven available for or guardians allow them to have a say in how redistricting is accomplished. Thank you for your time today and your service.

Name: Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Wilsonville

Key Points:

- Create district that includes Charbonneau district and adjacent urban reserves with Wilsonville
- Would prefer Wilsonville be included with other nearby cities
- Wilsonville currently too divided among districts

Transcript: I am julie fitzgerald and I serve as the mayor of the city of wilsonville. And I'm testifying on behalf of the wilsonville city council regarding our community strongly felt compelling redistricting preferences, our top priority is to have wilsonville all of wilsonville, including the charbonneau district and adjacent designated urban reserves. Included in one single rec legislative district. The dilution of our cities legislative representation split among house and senate districts is detrimental door communities, long term common interests. Placing wood, wilsonville and one legislative district made all of the criteria set for us in or s one eighty eight. All of wilsonville is contiguous. It utilizes existing geographic or political boundaries does not divide communities of common interest. And it is connected by transportation length, including i five local streets and wilson bills free, smart public transportation service. The wilsonville city council's additional priority is to be included in legislative districts with another neighboring city of the South metro region with whom we share more communities of common interest. Specifically, in the order of west lynn to walton in sherwood, the council believes that being placed in the district with one or more of the three nearby cities is preferable to the current situation. Or wilsonville is divided among the three health districts of twenty six, thirty seven and thirty nine, and the three senate districts of thirteen, nineteen and twenty. Thank you so much for your time and consideration of our testimony.

Name: City Councilor Massene Mboup, Lake Oswego

Key Points:

- Keep communities of interest and communities of color in mind during redistricting
- Does not support independent redistricting commission

Transcript: Good houses representative i good afternoon, I'm sorry. I am, it's an honor to be here today. I just wanted to say that in terms of thirty to sixty, i'm a counselor from lake oswego, oregon. I think groups of interests and people like communities of color. It's important that they take an impact on what we are doing. It's because for us, what is important is as much as a mini voice is as possible and be included in this process. And we know that most of these that include newly energy, said voters and new citizens and the young people generally the twenty one and many of whom are black or latino, was indigenous and people of color and low income, or again, who have been used to the left out of our democracy so far as in this twenty twenty one state just sitting rather than having a commission, we would love a ninety percent legislative eligibility of elected and accountable to the people of oregon has done the hasty convene to fifteen twenty so birth can commission, because these commission might never represent the body of present or gotten many people of color will be excluded because they don't have a name. They have to go to work. So there is entity can represent them. We think that it's, it, when we elect people, we give them our voices. So those people can represent us in that a sick thing. And it's very important. We've seen what commissions have done in the US states like color fornia and oregon. It's it commissions to that when we look at it, the oil, the fifteen and twenty can be in almost some time, the same area or the same demographic. So that's not what democracy looks like. Democracy is the representation of, or, and, or means or that's what we want in the state of oregon. We are forward state progress eve inclusive, everybody should be represented. Thank you very much.

Name: Ernie Yagger, West Salem/Polk County

Key Points:

- Does not support independent redistricting commission, has number of concerns with it

Transcript: Thank you. I first of all like to say the chairs and the committee for giving me the opportunity to to give you testimony on the redistricting situation. And I've been following the testimony throughout the the course of the committee's hearings. And I've noticed that there seems to be a repetitive theme to the point where there's been requests multiple requests for an independent commission to to actually handle the, the duties of redistricting and personally I, I believe this will not be a good fit for the people of oregon. As of right now, we don't have a perfect system. I don't think anybody is arguing about that. Hello, can you hear me by the way? We can. Yes. I apologize. I wasn't sure there for a second wonders of moderate electronics. Anyhow. I really don't think this would be in the best interest of the people morgan too often. Independent committees are another word for unaccountable committees. They, they have, they want their form, they really don't have any responsibility back to the voting public. Where is our present situation? granted, there are flaws, but the members of the elected members of both the house and senate, who handle redistricting are accountable to the people of oregon. They do answer to them. And I think that that as of right now, that would be the, the way to go forward. We're in a time crunch. Quite frankly. We the idea of forming an independent committee, what the procedures would be, how you would select those committee members. Either the process, what their, what their actual job would be and what it would entail would have to take a considerable amount of time. I had the privilege of speaking with one of the creators of I P fifty seven. From the previous session. Prior to this coven crisis, we're dealing with. And I was amazed at the amount of hours of research and the hours involved, and actually crafting this particular plan. I just don't see how the commission or to me the the committee could actually create and engage such as such a group in the timeframe left to us. Prior to re district game, we have elections coming up next year again. So I would urge you to basically use the program we have in place. It has served us as well as any training for the for many years now. And I thank you for your time. I thank you for consideration, my thoughts Again, good luck on this assignment. You have it's not an easy one. Thank you.

Name: Mayor Eric Swenson, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Increasing diversity of Woodburn area
- Importance of young people have representatives that look like them

Transcript: So co taylor or chair coach or arest taylor and salinas and vice chair has not been bar davis and the committee. And if there is one of my current may serve as the mayor of woodburn and marian county and house district twenty two. And today I am not speaking on behalf of the city council or my city government. But from my perspective, as a long time educator serving at the bilingual elementary teacher in the salem, the schools. And I'm as, as an instructor and in classes on culture and identity. But I thought it will. Amat lewis and clark and pacific university and of the middle school high School principal and would bring i understand there are many considerations for your district committee. There are groups that want to make sure their voice represented and elected official. I understand our role as role models. And I can tell you want to quickly from the research of my own experience of that. But having role models that you perceive to be like you in some way is crucial to the way you are likely to perceive or perceive yourself. And not only your chances, but your ability to perform enrolls, that they represent all the role models of the students. I've taught over the years have played a key role and who they become and role models from different cultures from there's change the way that they looked at others who they previously saw as others. We know it's true that children see people that they can relate to and yes, who look and sound like them are much more likely to envision themselves being the same.

Girls, the scientists, the farm, get to the doctor. The doctor is going to the farmer and an important point for you to consider what next, indigenous black and asian children, and any others who may or may not see themselves as elected officials. It's no small thing as we strive for a government for of and by the people in my own district. But it's propelled unaccomplished. You have to take the crate to step out from the old believer, rushing community centuries old tradition of shunning government to run for the legislature. And now two members of that community are running for our school board and what brand. And I recently was able to point me have eager off to our city budget money after state representative until I became the first indigenous latina legislator three let my next members of our community ran for the school board. And now we're the first minority majority school board in the state. That's after three decades of our next students being the majority ministry. As a principal bird high School, I had the honor of accompanying ten migrant education students to Washington DC where they studied the debated current issue with a long black kids from philly and white kids from tennessee and native students from Oklahoma and asian students from I. A. But before leaving to our nation's capital representative, i love to lay on hosted them all for a day. As we sat in the gallery, looking down at her, amongst the other sixty representatives, the inspiration was palpable, especially amongst our latino students. But those exceptionally bright students whose culture represents more than one in seven or guardians, we're doing the math representation matter to them. One thing we all know is elected officials is the need and responsibility. We have to engage those who elected us in the process of government, even in particularly in this case, one of the mess us parts of democracy, redistricting and even under difficult timeframe and engage. But our, of our, of all our communities is important to the process. Thank you very much for your time.

Name: Matt Arredondo, Salem

Key Points:

- Large LatinX community in Woodburn, feeling of community within area

Transcript: My name is Matt alonda my For him. And I'm proud of me again from the sale of nearly thirty one years. I think the best way for me to express to you why we district matters to me and my community and why you need to ensure our voices drives your process. And decisions is by telling you a brief story about my friend, young eagle, all the most. One of my favorite parts of commuting to and from woodburn is driving to carla road. Northeast salem, me lottery on my neighborhood. I love seen that many talk with trucks. It seems like they multiply every day. I love passing by my family center, which in that sunday they will own the building. I love that the neighborhood right behind them is full of our hint. There are people, most of them homeowners, like my feet, those my parents are finished paying their casita a few years to go after work in a combined fifty years in the fields. I always get a laugh out of C le motor police too. But most of all, I love seeing the amiga federal most do his walk so they don't walk with me and federal. My dear committee members, i see him almost every day. I Yeah. For lawford I A. R Y. Yeah. I remember when we met, i was a sixteen year old kid pretending to be eighteen working in the wildfires. The amiga barrel was the eldest of the crew. Probably in his fifties. Always talked to him. He had the best stories of my village Club. But there was a status in his face when he would talk about ne salem, he felt trapped in the four walls of his apartment. He was afraid to get out. He thought maybe he would take a wrong turn and get lost, not allowing las, he didn't speak English. There is no medical, no market nearby. He wasn't the same doctor. I know. He was free over there. He knew where everything was, that he knew everyone walking the Village was you think twenty years later walk in, assisting again, become ways like consume out. And I mean a little bit of an under

the and in like the fun say he walked gently back in the wind for permission. But he works probably there. He spends hours out there. You go back and talk with the truck. Then he goes the last one that the flea market to catch up with friends. Go to my father, the yellow wisdom, and the way back. He goes to like a line, you know, find this for some people. He still doesn't speak much english, doesn't matter anymore. He's in ne house district twenty two, mr. Garcia. It's his home, his community lester committee. Their committee members redistricting is about insurance. People like me and our communities, your communities feel like we belong, look forward to working with you. Thank you very much for this time.

Name: Aeric Estep, West Linn/Clackamas County

Key Points:

- Use existing pollical boundaries as district building blocks
- Supports independent redistricting commission
- CD 5 uses parts of seven counties, believes it should only be made up of two
- Legislative districts dives communities of interest, takes slivers from other counties

Transcript: For the record, my name is Eric step. I'm a resident of westlan in clackamas county. My testimony is simple. It is the best course of action for this body to use the existing building blocks of our democracy to create boundaries of representation. In order to satisfy the requirements delineated in or s one eight, eight, in order to best create representative districts that represent the varied interests and demographics throughout our state. We are to use the existing building blocks of organizational and governmental lines. Our school districts, library districts, water districts, cities and counties. These are the building blocks that can successfully construct our state representative state senate and congressional districts. The what is clear for how to draw a district in order to encapsulate a previous scribed number of people or s one eight, eight directs this legislative assembly. As noted at the beginning of this hearing, one should use this of molar practical building blocks of previously determined districts and add more or larger and jason districts as appropriate. But we must not slice through the smaller organizational lines to make a favourable district for any partisan purpose. The people are already organized. We must not let a partisan pencil draw lines that says historically drawn lines antithetical, antithetical to the existing governmental and representative structures. In order to traverse the span of my own congressional district, i have to touch two mountain ranges and travel through four distinct environments. The organ coast will m A valley. Tell them of state forest and not national forest. This does not fit the condition of using geographical boundaries in order to know where as one, eight, eight. Well, my congressional district could be comprised of two counties, instead, cuts through parts of the seven counties, as does not fit the condition of utilizing existing political boundaries noted in or s one eight, eight. One would expect the problems to resolve as we looked into smaller representative districts, but the same discrepancy remains both representative state or c and state senate seat districts to which I belong district. Thirty seven and nineteen respectively include slippers of another county, while ignoring adjacent areas of clackamas county that are already connected by the practical building blocks of representation. I sat across the table from fellow library board representatives from different parts of the library district needs and goals and plans are learned within these relationships boards and structures. Rather than using those existing organizational structures. My state representative district straddles two counties and the I five corridor, while ignoring the representative and organizational relationships that are already in place. These are communities of common interests as noted in or s one eight, eight. And yet we are divided. The people are organized every day they live and interact within

these political and organizational boundaries. They are small and that's ideal for use as building blocks for larger districts. Our goal should be to use these blocks in order that the entirety of our representative structure is logical, effective, and representative. The best way to achieve the schools by independent commission. This allows the temperature of partisan fervor to subside and when and after the by the legislative assembly allows this body to hold the responsibility given to them by choosing the mode and method of drawing line. Let us draw well with the existing building walks that we may be represented. Well, thank you.

Name: Elizabeth “Betty” Holladay, Lake Oswego

Key Points:

- Doesn't see lake Oswego as part of Oregon City or Milwaukie
- Generally happy with how current districts are drawn
- Supports current process for redistricting, though might support independent redistricting commission in future

Transcript: My name is Elizabeth betty holiday. My pronouns are she her and hers. I live in the mountain park area of lake us. We go and I work for the oregon department of Human Services. I moved here from the portland area because I found a lovely and less expensive condo up in the trees, and I just adore it. Like other late last week and I love nature, there is an abundance of hiking trail, lake and waterway, access and natural beauty in our area. We do have a reputation for a lead us, but we are striving to diversify their been efforts to educate and combat racism in our schools. As supported by senator raw wagner. And now we have elected a black city counselor who you've already heard from machine, as well as nathan counsellor, daniel when, but there is much more to be done. Still our eyes are wide open. Lake oswego is a small and contained community. I go to a senior center, but most of my activities are elsewhere. I go to tigers, beaverton in Portland for medical care. I'm a member of the poor, poor people's campaign. And when I retire, i'll be taking our history classes at p. S. U. When my courtland church reopens, i will be attending the degree and then to rejoice at the resilience of our community. Legacy we go is not really an add on to oregon city or even milwaukee. We stand on our side of the river to the north, into the west, generally the way the boundaries have been drawn now seems rather fitting. And I am asking as a result that every district in the review communities rather than arbitrary very county line taken into account. Just the reverse of what you heard right before. That is not to say that I encourage the snake like lines of my forefathers from the South fairness and transparency your critical during this process. There should be not one hint of partisanship or bias in determining who draws those lines and how they are drawn. For now, I would support the legislature drawing those lines, but I personally would support a change in the future to an independent commission. The optics are just much better for it. Let communities be the focal point, let the process be deliberative. And now with our supreme court decision, we do have more time to do that. And of course, let it be inclusive. And by listening to the public, you are taking that first step. So all in all I am pretty satisfied with the way our state legislative districts have been drawn whether senator or house for the future. We'll just have to see how that all shakes out for the house district or the US house. Thank you for all your efforts as everyone else's said, you have a difficult job, really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you.

Name: Paul Krissel, Salem

Key Points:

- Concerned that diversity of area is not reflected by representation
- Must engage communities of color in redistricting process

Transcript: Nice chairs can open voice r davis and members of the redistricting committees. For the record, my name is Paul crystal. My pronouns are pronouns, are he and him and I live in marion county senate district eleven house district twenty one. We have lived in salem for over twenty five years, and both of my daughters graduated from St. Kaiser public Schools. I remember in one nine hundred ninety six when we first moved here from harrisburg, pennsylvania were walking round downtown salem and my youngest daughter. And eight asked me if there were no black people in Oregon. She was used to seeing a more diverse community and express the surprise of an innocent sale and was so white in all those years in salem, save for state treasurer jim hill. I don't recall ever being represented in my jurisdiction by a person in color at the state, county, city, or school district level. When my daughters were going to school, the student body was becoming increasingly increasingly diverse. Yet that diversity of our community is not reflected in our elected representatives in this area. Among the many barriers standing in the way of diverse leadership is the way our political boundaries divide communities of color in ways to decrease their voice in elections. I'm a founding member of the racial justice organizing committee. We're a six year old committee of allies working with organizations representing black, indigenous and people of color in the salem area to fight against systems of racism and depression that operate in our community. I'm a firm believer that our elected officials at every level need to reflect the racial diversity in the community. Though some progress is being made in some organ jurisdictions. And we are part of a coalition seeking to change the make up of the sale in kaiser school board is May, it is distressingly true that people of color have little boys at any level of governance and policy making in this state. The redistricting process must work to eliminate this one barrier to the nurse representation by closely looking at communities of interest and how bypass communities are represented within those. We also hope that the committee plans to have more engagement in Education with communities and that this plan is shared out in advance so that our communities have time to learn about this complicated process. I look forward to working this committee, the organ legislature in our communities to ensure the redistricting engages communities of color and that responds to our growing needs. Thank you for your time.

Name: Ross Swartzendruber, Polk County

Key Points:

- Large party registration gap in HD 23, not a competitive district
- Gerrymandering discourages people from running and encourages division

Transcript: My name is Ross source and uber and I am a lifelong a resident of precinct one oh, two in rural polk County. Located in house district twenty three and send a district twelve and today I would like to speak to you as a candid erases in the district that have been weighed by a certain parties than the other. So there are twelve, there's four thousand in the gap between the democratic and republican party. And that is led to twenty years of intent polarization here in rural western valley. And you know that Well discouraged people running against other parties. So in two thousand twelve and I ran for h d twenty three. It was a little I went to the last minute to get in because no one wanted to get in. And I thought people really needed an option to go for inter detailing one person on the ticket every time. So really discourages more boys from being heard when, when district or jeremy entered. And I really like

to see something done, but specifically three running specifically because this polarization has spilled out into political violence on our streets in salem. And also the Capital is breached by this polarized political situation, which I find acceptable in our state. And I would really encourage when the districts are redrawn, that effort is given with these things in mind when you, gerry matter, a district after a while it's going to come back and affect the entire government. Please do something for rural oregonians. Our district has a hillsboro and monroe. Thank you for for going through this bank.

Name: Michael Powers, Salem

Key Points:

- Salem area is very diverse, both economically and racially
- Encourage transparency and inclusion of underrepresented communities in redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Michael powers. He, him pronouns, thank you for the opportunity to testify as you consider how to create new congressional and state legislative districts. I live and work in salem, oregon, south salem, more specifically. I've lived here for most of the past twenty five years. So I moved here for work and never looked back at my partner here. And together we raised the family oriented a special diverse place from the shores of the pacific to the banks of the snake river. We have it all though we don't agree on at all. I hope we don't forget that we do indeed have it all in the middle of the Valley. We have the smartest staff is employed in high end and design and manufacturing and some of the best farmers in the world. Farming some of the best oils in the world. We have large and small universities and community colleges. Prepare our young and young at heart to meet their dreams. For surgery, native american tribes totally overcome centuries of death and still itty with patriot patriotism and pride, aaron sale. And we're proud the host all three branches of state government and how many of the public servants to keep them running and the friendly fire at the james springfield with the City of kaiser. We share the second, the third largest metropolitan area and the state are also in agriculture or our house. We have small and large family farms competing in national and international markets. We have mainly emigrant farm workers who work hard to grow our food and fiber but who remain poor. We also have growing, and viper and mexican and central american communities here, enriching our business, cultural, and civic life. And around us we have the small towns that offer a store pace, neighbors knowing neighbors open spaces and other benefits of rural life. Your job is really, really important. Your decisions will effect so much from our federal and state funding come to our cities, counties, and districts to which infrastructure projects get the green light hanger decisions and will also impact the range of options. We have to build our economy and raise up houses, house less populations, and those who we have discriminated against for far too long. And so I greatly appreciate your taking the time to listen to all the comments. This is how you are led slated leaders lead this important process of redistricting. Public transport is important to draw in fair lines. I ask that you focus on input from people who work for a living. Sometimes two to three jobs and lower and middle class families, including black, brown and native people are state has often split again. Thank you so much senators and representatives for all your work and thank you for the opportunity to speak with you.

Name: Herlina Herrera, Salem

Key Points:

- Increasing diversity, especially among young people, in area
- Need BIPOC communities to be represented, gerrymandering hurts communities of color

Transcript: So for the record, my name is Linda ever, but I'm actually you know, professionally as Lynn that my pronouns are she hers and and I live in marion county here in the city of salem. I have lived in marion county for the past thirty years. I worked at some, I could at community college from nineteen eighty seven to two thousand and eighteen. So a little or thirty years. And as you know, to mecca is on the north side of the county in the city of salem. And as an educator and administrator for the college, i saw the nurse students attending the college grow from thirteen point six percent and two thousand one to twenty six point eight percent and two thousand and nineteen. I am proud to say that to mecca, that is a hispanic seven institution. Many of the students that attend to come from make a high School in their families live here on the north side of salem, other areas in marion county that have high numbers of bypass number. Our students are north salem high School in mcmurry high School in kaiser, living and working in marion county has made me very aware of the district portion of funding that schools get. Because we do not have enough voices to sit at the table to advocate for our bypass communities. Marion county has by the highest numbers of families living in poverty. One of the poorest zip codes is nine, seven, three, zero, five. Families struggle on a daily basis to provide basic needs such as food, shelter and medical care. We need their voices heard along lancaster drive and you can experience our diverse small businesses such a spectacle, restaurants, chinese restaurants, and stores such as medicines and when oriental market, etc. These are all small business owners who pay taxes and contributed to the salem economy. These are families that live in salem and who should have all the same opportunities that others have for it is a very important for many families as well. And soccer especially, i see many families congregate on a Friday evening or on a Saturday to watch control and play in park, such as north park or high School feels like mackay mcrary. And yes, even in my opinion, redistricting or gerrymandering, hurts, or most marginalized enterprise communities in order to get community opportunity to address the stomach in equities. And I've seen fair distribution of resources we might have by park representation. Reducing teen is another form in my opinion, of border suppression and a tool that reinforces institutional racism. So I thank you for your time and the work on this issue. Thank you for taking public comment. And I hope that we can continue to engage together and wish well in his process. Thank you.

Name: Larry Kleinman, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Woodburn has high LatinX population
- Believes HD 22 is important for representation of community

Transcript: My name is Larry kleinman my pronouns are he him and I've worked in woodburn since one nine hundred seventy eight and lived in woodbridge since then. Except for three years in the early ninety, i support maintaining the cur contours of house district twenty two as a district centered in woodburn, jervis ne salem. I had the privilege of testifying and would burn city hall in August of two thousand and one. The read district and committee at that time, the two thousand census data had established for the first time and were burnett had a majority minority population making woodland by far oregon's largest city. With that distinction, the two thousand and one hearing focused on the

situating award berg as part of house district twenty two. In substantially the same formulation we have today, prior to two thousand and one woman was part of the district which included much of yam hill county. As a woodburn resident and as a co founder and secretary treasurer of kuhn, i expressed enthusiastic support for the two thousand and one with district in of house district twenty two. Today, I am even more supported. There are cultural family and community bonds that would burn jervis and ne salem that existed for decades and only grown over time. There are probably more farm workers who reside year round and house district twenty two than in any other district. Many schools in the district are have overwhelming majority of life, an ex students in the one nine hundred, sixty nine hundred seventy nine hundred eighty's. When was the cultural and services hub for the lead next community in the whole state. Today, many other communities have a critical massive community that share those cultural identifications, practices, commercial enterprises. So that can social organizations and student populations, woodburn, and the communities in house district twenty two have consistently been a pain center for them. I mean organs changing their graphics. The entire state is well served by having house district twenty two as a space where cultural minorities form the majority. This value is rooted in seeing themselves and being seen as fuller participants in the state civic life. During this pandemic, we become more aware than ever of the indispensable rolls essential workers essential in quotes. Of course, these workers have always been and will remain essential. We simply understand and hopefully appreciated more fully their contributions in that same spirit. I describe house district twenty two as a central i appreciate this opportunity to share my perspective and I appreciate the time and work you are devoting the complicated a redistricting. Thank you.

Name: City Councilor Jackie Leung, Salem

Key Points:

- Concerned BIPOC communities are underrepresented, especially at state level
- Additional outreach to underrepresented communities needed during redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Jackie leon. I am a senior city counselor, next expert director and a public Health advocate with my condition under community. I have been a resident of sales for more than ten years. I reside in house district nineteen and senate district ten. Today I am here to speak with you about redistricting and why it is important to people in our community. As some of you are aware, oregon has the long history of white supremacy. It is not a secret, yet many or guardians continue to be unaware of the unjust history within this state. Oregon's growing population demonstrates our communities resilience and our ability to continue to grow or the past thirty years black, indigenous and people of color or by pock for short have continued to grow and call oregon home. Since twenty ten one and four people now identify as by park when the twenty twenty census is released will continue to witness a growing trend. For example, my community participates in asian and pacific islander activities throughout the state. Every year, the state capital foundation holds an annual asian american pacific under heritage month event, as well as a cherry blossom celebration. Will university also hoses an annual cultural celebration and clean as a cooler, missouri, and new. Well, these are examples of events that celebrate the a P. I community that my family and people from my community attend and participate. And yet our political representation elected office is not mere. Will oregon communities look like some oregon cities with significant populations of color? Have no representation of color on school boards or city councils or even on county commissions. In salem, i was the only person of color on counsel until recently. Now there are now two people of color on the council. How are we're the only

third and fourth, we've been on the council to my knowledge, who identifies by park. This is unacceptable. The lack of representation is seen from local elected off. This is to the state where not only thirteen leaders of color serve on the state level as we move forward with the process of redistricting. This is where your vote matters. This is was an extremely fast timeline. It only provided opportunity for testimony to virtual opportunities. This prevents people have limited technical, logical access. People who are english language learners, are homeless, community or farm workers and others from providing valuable feedback. These individuals often identified by park. It is vital that we have as many representations from our community participate in this process. I look forward to working with this committee, the organ legislature, and our communities to ensure that we districting engages micronesia and a pacific under community. And that it responds to our growing needs. The legislatures process for engaging organ can use as being in re districting is going to be critical. Thank you for all that you do and for your time and work on this issue. Your support ensuring the voices of all oregonians are heard is much appreciated.

Name: Cynthia Ramirez, Salem

Key Points:

- BIPOC communities lack representation in political process
- HD 22 is important for LatinX community

Transcript: My name is muted from the past, present in Oregon farm worker union based and would be an organ. I'm also a resident and a community activist in, in district twenty two and the district. And I want to thank the committee for allowing me to share a few words and observations on the task before you. I have worked on the issue of the district being for over probably the deck and I believe that we are trying to solve the issue at heart is the issue in terms of lack of representation of people of color in the political process. Most people of color are chronically represented in all aspects of life and we cannot allow status call to continue. We must break down the barriers, as many people have fired during the time that I've been and, and carrying the walls of institutional racism by ensuring that our political system is responsive to the needs and the priorities of the community. In particular, we can achieve racial justice without a system where people advocate for themselves in the political process. As you heard from testimony for many people, the faith of organ is changing and becoming more diverse and our representation to reflect that change. I started working the legislature nine hundred eighty two. So I probably had I've, I've been here a long time. I started consistently working on nine hundred eighty nine and two thousand and eighteen. And I remember the time when there was only one lucky, you know, and one in american working in the legislature and all the legislature, we can go back to those days in the year two thousand. And this buddy took a bold step this year, turning to its effect has commended positive ball come on in addressing the needs of the community and alignment valley. When the both all comes, i believe was, has, I mean, I didn't only pointed out is that it gives a sense of pride in the community. And I think that it's been a motivator for getting more people to participate in the political process. Because as paul crystal said, you know, people are seeing themselves as goal models, but we have the opportunity to address this issue by leveling the playing field. While we are not responsible for what has happened in the past, we are certainly responsible for what happens in the future. And I truly believe that if we are to create a process for fair representation, has to be for all people expect. People told us, thank you for your time.

Name: Levi Herrera Lopez, Salem

Key Points:

- Lancaster Drive area in Salem has large LatinX community
- Should be kept together with HD 22

Transcript: Coming to church from members, so the community, my name is Lee, i lopez, i've been a rest of the main county in salem for thirty years. I'm also the executive director of my non mandel family center of salem based nonprofit with three decades of existence. The mission is to strengthen families and reduce our toxic stress among the people we serve. I want to share with you about my community of interest, which let me say, I included a maps of this community with my testimony, which was created by a group of about twenty five. Let them of who live work and have intimate knowledge about this area. And if you, if you think back to the story the hi, Mary sher earlier, that story takes place within that area. For the latino community in salem, our daily lives are concentrated around the entirety of the lancaster drive. Cory, the, the majority of all appeals in salem, live within the area, highlighting the map up and down the lancaster drive, as many as ninety percent of all of the no businesses in our city. Another important stations for our community are also in this area. If you live in or visit or most capital, and you want to try some great mexican food or by lacking american groceries who come to the site. If you wanna visit a clinic because patient basis majority people calling you come to a site. If you want to visit or let me know, let me enter a demonstration, you also come to a site. And if your children attend a majority like the in or the mentor school, then you probably live in the side. The division between fordham road, for instance, from lancaster drive, is really non existent in our lives. Those was along the lancaster drive, cory, the orient both in northeast and in se salem are much more connected to the left in community in district twenty two from which we are currently separated to other districts. In fact, the community that I'm talking about highlighted this month is currently split up in the way that our political voice is diluted, displayed in this community in any way other than the one that we're present in. And the map will result in continue exclusion from the menu fish making processes affect our lives. I would also like to mentioned that now by coincidence, but very much by the sign, the area that I'm talking about is also home to most of salem, kaiser's other populations of color immigrants, or if you're such a pacific islanders asians and others as you move forward with this process, it is imperative that you do so in a way that allows you to hear this type of information from other communities of interest throughout the entire state. The voices that the you heard today from someone was and just to let the know voices also represent financial fun line workers. Our communities continue to lift up marin, a bow counties and the rest of oregon. We are real. What makes, are we going to feature by brands our voices, this are to be heard and included of the we're just thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Lisa Cejka, Keizer

Key Points:

- Supports current redistricting process
- Concerned that independent redistricting commission might not be representative of population

Transcript: My name is Lisa jacob, and thank you for allowing me use time For of house district twenty five senate district thirteen and congressional district five. I've lived in the monmouth salem and kaiser area for thirty two years. I come to you with just the hope that we keep the current way of redistricting. I think that changing courses right now with so little time between when we get the information and when it is due would be disastrous. I think that if you take a small independent commission, it small, it

doesn't represent the voltage of our district. I'm a rabbit voter, i want everybody to vote. I don't care how we vote. I want you to vote and I want your representatives and senators to represent you and make your voice the church. So I just ask you to keep the way it is we can always look at a different way to do it in the future, but there's not enough time to do it Well. And we really can't afford to not do it. Well. Thank you for your time..

Name: Cynthia Ramirez, Salem

Key Points:

- Concerned that BIPOC communities are underrepresented
- Concerned that prison population counted towards population of district, but aren't able to vote

Transcript: My name is Cynthia ramirez and my pronouns. Are she her and I live in marion county, which is has district through anyone and senate district eleven and congressional district five. I have been ne, salem for twenty three years and I'm very proud of my community. My community is powerful, lively, and full of rich culture. I live live next to multiple funding, which means like big shocks and flea markets as well. I will next to the lancaster from the market, which is a place where I, her community comes together to celebrate and to and brace our culture and to share their culture with the granting community. And I love to see there are a lot next community thrive with their small businesses, the flea markets and other places in salem. And I'm really enthusiastic that they love to share their culture with the grander community. And also I remember intending lunar new new year events with my best friend at our old middle School. Stephens middle School, which is a ne salem. And in general, ne salem is filled with so many beautiful people and beautiful culture that we need to embrace. Growing up, I went to a majority latin x and asian, american elementary School and middle School in the school. I remember teachers targeting by park students and providing little to no support to help us succeed. I felt ignored, and as if I wasn't worth enough to put time in under the into to succeed in the future and high school, I transferred to West salem and I experienced first hand the disparities between north salem and was salem schools in North salem. I extremely underfunded under appreciated and that largely has to do with the community not being represented and having a voice. I was fortunate enough to take two classes at will. I'm interested in that extremely pack impacted my life. I took a class on January managing with two math professors and I learned how you strictly communities of color have been jerry mentored to make them the minority vote. Our communities are being sliced up like a piece of cake because they know that if our community could vote together, we would vote for community we, for our community and for real change. And they do not want to see low income minority communities take action and succeed. I also learn how the prison population has been counted towards the populate the general population, which in effects jerry, mentoring and voting in general. So inmates are being counted towards population, but they cannot go depending on State as well. I took a class inside the oregon state penitentiary penitentiary center. I will m interest with professor melissa me show with inmates who are majority, black and x and indigenous. So when I learnt from this classes and from gerrymandering is it is find that our communities are being counted for something they have no voice and they're not, they're not being appreciated. Their voices and opinions are not being and taking think it's iteration. So we need our community to be seen and to be heard. I can work with farm workers and working families, and I've heard countless stories of them feeling ignored under represented and under appreciated. So now the time for oregon to take action with redistricting or communities are being treated equally. And I want to

thank you all for your time and thank you for this work in this committee. And I hope that we can see real change in Oregon. Thank you so much.

Name: Catherine Campanella-Stearns, Benton County

Key Points:

- Adair Village has more in common with Corvallis as opposed to rural areas
- Concerned that HD 23 is not compact, seems very expansive

Transcript: My name is Catherine Kemp. Anela Sterns. My pronouns are she/her. I live in Benton County, north of Corvallis. I've lived here for thirty years and moved here as I have more alignment of interest with the Corvallis community that I had when I lived in Lynn County. I am homeless in a rural setting of three to five acre lots west of Adair Village. The area is bordered on three sides by recreational wild land research. Forest of private logging, including Oregon State University research for us with the Abilene M. McDonald State Forest for us, an e. Wilson Wildlife Area which is operated by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department. Recreation uses including hunting, Oregon State University, Hewlett Packard, American Health Network are the largest employer in our area. And if you have village office more moderately priced rental for workers and I found an immediate cause area, we are situated about three miles south of the Polk County border and we are in congressional district 23. And this has been the source of constant frustration for me to have never perceived myself to have similar interest with farmer's ranches and longer. The greater the Village area had more in common with Adair and Denton County than with Pope and Lincoln until his account. We have transportation services to and from Corvallis. Adair Village provided by Denton County. There are no public transportation services to area north of us and Corvallis north of Salem in Marion County. So can this area go to Corvallis, but the majority of their medical consumer in business needs in terms of state Health, Sr, calling. A lot of people are focusing on the fact that House District Twenty Three doesn't seem to me that. Comparing the guidelines as it's saying several county folks in the M how come we don't seem to have a common common with the folks all the way down here in North County, which also includes North Albany and vice versa. House Twenty Three is expensive for no good reason. When at a time to a congressional representative in a precinct committee, Christian, I am often asked why do we not yet to vote for district for represent when we are so attached to prove? alas, why do we not set to vote for the candidates, our co workers and fellow students folk for we get the canals. Paper were part of the proven our school District. I volunteer fire Department is associated with Corvallis fire Department. The area is serviced from the curve. Alex Post office. These are just some of the facts and would like you, as I reflected, representing this take into consideration as you decide in your district boundaries and your grade.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 1 – March 18, 5:30 PM

Name: Anthony Veliz, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Center impacted communities in the process and outcome
- Use data that is already available such as ACS, school districts and housing developments
- Oregon has already implemented backstops to continue the process
- Woodburn is the largest minority/majority community in Oregon, with over 60% of the population who identify as Latino/a/x

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Name: Brando Martin, resident, Keizer

Key Points:

- Low-income renting community of Marion County is a significant community of interest
- Hope the committee uses alternative data, such as that provided by school districts

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235764>

Name: Britta Weitman, resident, Marion County

Key Points:

- Support for a bipartisan redistricting commission

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235707>

Name: Charles Ormsby (Skip), resident, Clackamas County

Key Points:

- Map showing Lake Oswego
- Willamette, Clackamas, and Tualatin river longitude and latitude

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235601>

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Name: Dana Baugher, resident, Keizer

Key Points:

- Support for an independent citizen redistricting committee

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234273>

Name: Daysi Bedolla Sotelo, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- We ask that impacted communities are asked to be at the table and their experiences are heard
- We want other districts to have the same opportunity as HD 22 all over the state where those who vote feel represented and heard
- Use additional data, such as the PSU Population Research Center and the ACS
- Ensure that redistricting engages the Latinx community

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Debbie Denise Cabrales, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- The Legislature is the best body to do redistricting because as an elected official we know our communities and what they need
- Commissions exclude communities and create barriers
- Ensure that redistricting engages the Latinx community

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235757>

Name: Don Seil, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Support for an independent nonpartisan redistricting committee

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235741>

Name: Ira Cuello-Martinez, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Impacted communities need to be centered in the process and outcome
- Oregon should not delay the redistricting process given credible available data
 - Use additional resources, such as PSU Population Research Center, ACS, school districts, and housing development data to start redistricting
- Want to feel represented in their district
- Ensure that redistricting engages with low income and immigrant communities

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Name: James H Fenner, resident, Lake Oswego

Key Points:

- All districts should be drawn as circular as possible, would reduce gerrymandering
- All districts should be drawn using two criteria
 - Individual property boundaries
 - The number of people actually residing on the property
- Start at the corners of the State and in all cities with population of more than 20,000
- Adding up population of adjoining properties until the sum equals 1,000 or 10,000
- Mark the region in some way, then continue the State is covered
- Each State Representative District will consist of 1/60 of the marked region as circular as possible
- Each State Senate District will consist of two adjoining State Representative Districts
- Each Congressional District will consist of six adjoining State Senate Districts

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Name: John Zielinski, resident, Marion County

Key Points:

- Do not dilute rural voices by drawing them in higher population density areas
- Support for independent nonpartisan redistricting commission

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235245>

Name: Karina Guzmán Ortiz, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- It is important that the Mexican and Latin American community not be split apart in Salem
- Need to have impacted communities be center in the process and outcome
- Genuine representation of community matters
- Use additional data, such as PSU Population Research Center, the ACS, school district, and housing development data to begin the process

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Maria Cabrales, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Center impacted communities in the process and outcome
- Being represented by someone who the community can communicate with and who understands the culture and customs matter
- Use additional data, such as PSU Population Research Center, the ACS, school district, and housing development data to begin the process

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Maria Hinojos Pressey, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Latinx community in Salem should stay together
- Center most impacted communities in the process
- Use additional data, such as PSU Population Research Center, the ACS, school district, and housing development data to begin the process

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235756>

Name: Michael Vasquez, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Woodburn has a great support system where people are surrounded by people who look like them and care about similar things
- Center most impacted communities in the process to ensure people feel represented
- Use additional data, such as PSU Population Research Center, the ACS, school district, and housing development data to begin the process

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Name: Rachel Janzen, resident, Happy Valley

Key Points:

- Happy Valley, Boring, Damascus, Sandy, and Estacada want be able to vote with Clackamas County voters and want to be represented by a person who shares their values and considers their concerns

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Name: Stan Zitnik, resident, Depoe Bay

Key Points:

- Fair and transparent redistricting process
- Rural Oregon is diverse
- Districts should include urban and rural areas

Written Testimony Link:

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WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 2 – April 10, 3:00 PM

Name: Aaron L Huddart, VP of Operations, Huddart Family LLC

Key Points:

- Major issue is the practice of gerrymandering
- Keep the Districts as close to square as possible
 - District 60 is a good example
 - Districts 22, 23, 25, 27, 44, and 49 are poor examples

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238633>

Name: Aileen Kaye, resident, Turner

Key Points:

- Does not want an independent redistricting commission
- Use PSU population data rather than delaying the process
- Move SD 12 and HD 23 boundaries north

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238816>

Name: Catherine Campanella-Stearns, resident, Benton County

Key Points:

- The greater Adair Village area has more in common with Corvallis and Benton County than with Polk, Marion, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties
- Transportation services connect Corvallis and Adair Village
- HD 23 doesn't meet "compactness" guidelines, too expansive for no good reason

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Cynthia Ramirez, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- NE Salem has a thriving Latinx community
- Disparities between North Salem and West Salem
- Historically communities of color have been gerrymandered to make them the minority vote
- Ensure that redistricting engages with the Latinx/communities of color

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239449>

Name: Eric Swenson, Mayor, City of Woodburn

Key Points:

- Having role models that they perceive to be like them in some way is crucial to the way they are likely to perceive themselves and to perform in roles that they represent
- More engagement is better during redistricting which is crucial to ensuring a representative democracy

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Herlinda Herrera, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Redistricting/gerrymandering hurts the most marginalized and oppressed communities
- Must have BIPOC representation
- Engage community members and respond to the needs of the Latinx community and other communities of color

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Jackie Leung, City Councilor, City of Salem

Key Points:

- Political representation does not mirror what Oregon communities look like
- Ensure that redistricting engages the Micronesian and Pacific Islander community

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239448>

Name: Jaime Arredondo, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- The importance of the Latinx community in NE Salem

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Joni Brewer, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- In favor of a non-partisan, independent group to do redistricting

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238993>

Name: Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor, City of Wilsonville

Key Points:

- Top priority is to have all of Wilsonville – including the Charbonneau District and adjacent designated urban reserves – be in one single legislative district
- Additional priority is for Wilsonville to be included in legislative district that share common interests, specifically in order of 1) West Linn, 2) Tualatin, and 3) Sherwood

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Larry Kleinman, resident, Woodburn

Key Points:

- Support for maintaining the current contour of HD 22
- HD 22 is a minority-majority district

Written Testimony Link:

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Name: Levi Herrera-, resident, Salem; Executive Director, Mano a Mano

Key Points:

- Community of interest, Latino community of Salem
- Community lives around the entirety of the Lancaster Drive Corridor

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Name: Lori Hagemester, resident, Oregon City

Key Points:

- Support for an independent non-partisan redistricting commission
- Delay redistricting efforts until the census data is received

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238209>

Name: Marcia Kelley, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Apply the same common-sense guidelines that were used during the 2011 redistricting cycle

Written Testimony Link:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239199>

Name: Maria Theresa Maggi, resident, Lincoln City

Key Points:

- Rural Oregon is as diverse as urban Oregon
- Need districts that truly represent the district of the population
- Support for a non-partisan redistricting commission

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Name: Marlene Acker, resident, Nehalem

Key Points:

- Nehalem is not a good match with urban, more populated areas
- Keep Nehalem in coastal District 5

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Name: Michael Powers, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Salem is a diverse place with the 2nd or 3rd largest metropolitan area in the state, but it's also an agricultural powerhouse
- Focus on input from people who work for a living, lower and middle class families including BIPOC
- Use PSU Population research center data to start the process

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Name: Paul Krissel, resident, Salem

Key Points:

- Diversity of community is not reflected by elected representatives
- Look closely at communities of interest and how BIPOC communities are represented
- Ensure that redistricting engages communities of Color

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Name: Rachel Janzen, resident, Happy Valley

Key Points:

- Happy Valley, Boring, Damascus, Sandy, and Estacada want be able to vote with Clackamas County voters and want to be represented by a person who shares their values and considers their concerns

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Name: Richard Larson, resident, West Linn

Key Points:

- Move the fifth congressional district's southern border northward
- Oregon will get a sixth congressional district, which will create major changes to congressional district boundaries

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Name: Rolla Cleaver, resident, South Beach

Key Points:

- Community of interests vary drastically from the south to the north part of SD 5
- Don't wait for the census data, use additional data like the PSU Population Research Center, the ACS, school districts, and housing development data

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Name: Tricia Hafner, resident Stayton

Key Points:

- Support for nonpartisan redistricting commission

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