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Chair Witt and members of the committee,

I am Clair Klock, retired farmer from Corbett, OR. I have been on the board of an Oregon conservation district and am highly familiar with their work. I have knowledge also from working as an urban and small farms conservation specialist.

The 3 reasons I give are:

- 1. I believe that all zones of a conservation district should have representatives, for the same reasons we have representatives from all parts of the state.
- 2. The bulk of work in most conservation districts is farming or forest related. There needs to be representation by persons who have more then a passing knowledge of production farming and forestry.
- 3. There are instances where a conservation district doesn't have a large urban population. Lane County is an example with East Lane and Siuslaw Districts.

Thank you for your attention , Clair Klock

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