

As a resident of eastern Oregon, I am directing my comments only to my own district, Congressional District 2. The Plan B map should be rejected for the following reasons:

- It splits communities of common interest. The southwest Oregon counties of Jackson, Josephine, and Douglas have close transportation links and common economic interests. These communities should not be split into different congressional districts. These counties belong in CD 2.
- Portland has such a large population that is inevitable it would be split under any plan. However, Plan B also splits smaller cities such as Medford and Salem. In addition to dividing communities of common interest, this also needlessly drives up the costs of campaigns. At least four different congressional campaigns would have to buy ads in the Medford media market and the same for Salem.
- The counties of Hood River, Wasco, and Jefferson have strong transportation and commerce links to the Portland area. They have minimal links to the Medford/Grants Pass area. These counties absolutely should not be in the same district as Medford/Grants Pass. Wasco and Jefferson counties, by the way, must be in the same district so as to avoid splitting the reservation, so any alternatives to Plan B must keep these two counties together.
- The fact that Plan B "packs" Democrats into Districts 1 and 3 in order to make all other districts more favorable to Republicans is a clue that Plan B was devised primarily to benefit one party at the expense of the other, with other considerations such as communities of common interest and transportation links being ignored.

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