

My name is Frank Begert and my wife and I moved to Sisters approximately 18 months ago. I am a moderate democrat and do not presume I am qualified to submit a redistricting map. However, we did live in Washington State for over 25 years and are quite familiar with the west vs east complications within that state and ours.

State legislators must be responsible to their constituency but seem to forget their obligation to the state. Too many people are getting sick and tired of this blind partisanship resulting in little or no constructive results. Unfortunately, I do not see an easy solution to this problem. What we need is some compromise and a willingness to understand the other party's wants and needs. I don't see any of this happening, so the eastern counties feel unheard and over-run by the western counties.

This is an unacceptable situation that must be addressed in the redistricting project. The wants and needs of both parties are legitimate and need to be considered now. Whatever can be done to adjust boundaries and provide the eastern counties with a more equal voice should be job one.

Thank you for your service to this great state.

Best Regards,

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