

Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to testify of my desire to call upon our lawmakers to set aside their own personal and political biases in favor of a transparent process and maps that lead to fair representation for all Oregonians. The redistricting meetings held in our Oregon Legislature need to be held to a high standard of fairness for all Oregonians.

This process is about bringing our state together to STAND UP FOR FAIRLY DRAWN DISTRICTS -- districts that allow Oregonians to have a fair shot of being represented by someone who represents their values.

Under our current maps, 30% of the members of the Oregon House represent at least some portion of the City of Portland while the City of Portland represents only 15% of the total population of the state of Oregon? Portland should not have an outsized voice in our political process. This type of upside down districting is wrong!

MAPS SHOULD BE DRAWN:

- Making sure that no district is drawn for the purposes of favoring any political party or Incumbent or diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.
- Keeping counties and cities whole.
- Preserving communities of common interests.
- Ensuring that populations for each district be closely matched.
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries and maintain transportation links.

Please assure us that you are making every attempt to set aside political differences and do an honest, fair job of redistricting in Oregon.

Thank you,
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