

To whom It May Concern;

I urge the Oregon Legislature to handle the upcoming redistricting of our state for our new Congressional District to be fair, and not favor any of our many political parties in Oregon. This is an awesome responsibility and privilege, as well as an opportunity to be balanced in this current highly politicized environment.

Constitutionally, this once every ten year event is to reflect the population increases and decreases in our state, as well as shifts in populations based on the 2020 census. I was a bit excited to see that Oregon will gain a U.S. Congressional District! I would like to request the following points which I recently received, be respected and a guide in your work:

- Make sure that no district is drawn for the purposes of favoring any political party, Incumbent or diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.
- Keep counties and cities whole as much as numerically possible.
- Preserve communities which hold historic or common interests.
- Ensure that populations for each district are as similar as reasonably possible.
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries.
- Maintain as many existing and immediately future planned transportation links. This is especially important to our local city and county governments. This allows the U.S.

Representative for that area to be familiar with and be able to speak effectively for the constituents of that district.

Thank you and may you be guided by wisdom and fairness to all our citizens.

Sincerely,

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