To the Oregon Legislative Redistricting Committee,

Given the current voting boundaries, I am a member of OR House District 25, OR Senate District 13, and OR Congressional District 1.

I have reviewed the maps A,B, and C for the House, Senate, and Congressional redistricting plans.

A summary of the criteria used for redistricting:

- Contiguous districts
- Be of equal population
- Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries
- Not divide communities of common interest
- Be connected by transportation links

I do not see any non-Contiguous districts on any of the maps. I have concerns about proposed maps A and C for House, Senate, and Congressional districts because they do divide a community of common interest when you zoom in on the Portland/Metro area. Portland has been split up into four different districts in Congressional Map A. My residence would be in the newly created district 6 and merged with metropolitan Washington County per that map. Congressional Map B does not split up Portland into as many districts and leaves Washington County mostly intact. Legislative House District Plans A and C also split Newberg into three districts. As a resident of this city I favor House District Proposal B which leaves Newberg intact. While following geographic and political/county boundaries is not 100% achievable in an effort to balance population numbers, I see that the B grouping of maps in general utilizes more county lines and landmarks such as the Coast and Cascade Mountains ranges. Our state's results from the most recent U.S. Presidential election was roughly 56% to 40%, and our most recent Governor race in 2018 was decided by just less than 7%. Our state reps in the U.S. congress currently have four of five (80%) attributed to one political party. Our redistricting boundaries should allow us to represent the balanced political interests that exist in Oregon.

Respectfully,

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