

Hello,

My name is Arden Sleadd. I am a mother of five and grandmother of ten children. I have voted in every election since I turned 18. Our family moved to Grants Pass in 1995 to improve our quality of life. We found this small Oregon town much to our liking, and still do. At the time, much of my views were fairly well-represented in the Oregon State Legislature. Today, not so much. Recently I learned that this change was largely due to redistricting in 2011, at which time Portland was carved up so as to be included in more districts than before, thereby increasing the representation of the urban areas. This is just plain wrong, even if it did follow redistricting guidelines at the time. Rural Oregon has been getting the short shrift, and we feel our voices are not being heard.

I have looked at the various maps submitted, and I am in favor of adopting Congressional Map B, State Senate Map B, and State Representative Map B, as they seem to fairly represent the like-minded people of my community in a natural, contiguous manner, and treats the urban areas likewise. I urge your selection of Maps B, B, and B. Thank you.

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