

Dear Redistricting Legislators,

My name is Katherine Small and I live in Scappoose. We moved here six years ago because we wanted to live a more rural lifestyle leaving behind many elements of Washington and Multnomah Counties. As a native Oregonian I am concerned about the current districts and options being considered. For example:

- 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.
- Maps that under populate the metro districts and push urban area voters into rural districts while overpopulating these same rural districts limits representation for rural voters and is a clear sign of gerrymandering.

In my opinion, principles that maps should follow include:

- Make 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.
- Keep counties, cities and school districts whole.
- Preserve communities of common interests.
- Ensure that populations for each district be closely matched.
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries and maintain transportation links.

I recommend you only consider the Map B Options across the board.

Thank you,
Kathy