

To members of the Redistricting Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate to you regarding my opinions in the redistricting process. I am a resident of Washington County, in Congressional District 1. I appreciate the time and work put forth by you on our behalf, as well as your desire to receive input from the citizens represented by you.

The redistricting and changing of boundaries within our state is a unique opportunity to come together for the improvement of our legislative boundaries, especially now that we will be making room for an additional House district. My understanding of your guidelines for drawing these new boundaries are that boundaries be:

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

I believe that these criteria are best met by Map B for the following reasons:

This map, more than the others, keeps Washington County in one district.

We do not need to be included in a map which combines us with an urban area unlike our residential suburban area and includes, the agricultural areas of Washington County. This also keeps Washington County within the geographical boundaries of the West Hills and the Coastal Range.

Most other maps combine urban and rural areas, overriding the votes and voice of many Oregonians. While aligning similar groups of population please also consider similar ways of life. Please do not continue trying to slice up areas such as Portland, Eugene, etc. in order to override the needs and views of nearby rural residents, as has been done in the past. It's time to come together in fair and logical ways which would help to bring us together and work together as a team rather than trying to oppose or crush those with different values, situations and perspectives. This would also be more fair for each of the diverse areas our state – urban, residential suburban, agricultural and farming, timber and logging, and coastal areas, each with unique advantages and needs. I encourage you to choose Map B for Oregon's new redistricting boundaries.

Thank you for considering my input in support of Maps B for House and Senate.

Sincerely,

Elaine Woods, Beaverton resident

Congressional District 1, Washington County