

Good morning committee members,

I am reaching out to you today from Yamhill County; Carlton specifically. My husband and I live in Yamhill county and this particular area for a reason - we do not want to be lumped in with and/or treated like those in the Multnomah County/Portland area. We used to live there and moved away because we did not want to live that life anymore. Redistricting, changing the way towns/cities/rural communities are assigned, without clear data driven processes does not sit well with us. The point of these districts are to make things fair for ALL of Oregon, and to redraw the lines to benefit some and not others is not right.

We expect our government representatives to make the best choices for all of Oregon:

- 1) Keep communities together. Example: Do not divide the City of McMinnville from rural McMinnville. Some cities in Oregon are trisected by 3 different house districts!
- 2) Keep districts within reasonable geographical ranges. Example: A district that spans from the Oregon coast to the far reaches of Eastern Oregon is likely not the best representation for those residents. Some of these maps have Portland voters controlling almost 70% of Oregon's congressional districts!
- 3) Prioritize citizen testimony. Legislators have a conflict of interest in determining how these lines are drawn. Put our considerations first.
- 4) Use a neutral, technology-based, data-driven process to draw lines based on population. Example: computer models take the risk of human gerrymandering efforts out of the equation.
- 5) Prioritize critical criteria for drawing the lines, including equal population, protection of minority community representation, existing boundary lines for counties, cities and school districts, and geographic realities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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