

Like the 35% voting majority in Columbia County my wife and I are a registered Non Affiliated Voter (NVA). After reviewing the proposed Congressional Redistricting Maps available online, I feel Congressional Plan B better represents my county. Columbia County is more aligned with my friends and relatives in Clatsop, Tillamook, Polk, Linn and Benton counties than the people who reside in Washington and Multnomah Counties currently under Representative Bonamici.

The rural needs of Columbia County are not being fully met currently. While areas such as Cedar Mills, Bethany and North Plains are growing urban areas, St Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie are struggling to keep their heads above water especially with the closures of major businesses like Boise Cascade and Armstrong Ceiling Tile. We need dedicated leadership for further rural and industrial growth to bring jobs to our counties, not leadership dedicated to the large industries that reside in Washington County.

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