

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a citizen of House District #4, I am in favor of Plan B. It is imperative that citizens with like concerns be able to vote for representatives that will address their issues. For example, in House District 11, rural residents of Harrisburg, Brownville and Halsey are lumped in with the same district as the University of Oregon. This violates the idea of keeping communities with similar interests together. Urban downtown Eugene's population has nothing similar with the agricultural rural areas, which are currently gerrymandered to include. Rural Oregon is continually being disenfranchised by Salem politicians.

Furthermore, Harrisburg, Junction City and Monroe share a Chamber of Commerce, but Legislative Plans A and C split these towns. Also, Eugene has been over represented in the state legislature. House and Senate Plans A and C will continue splitting South and Central Eugene four ways, drawing in surrounding rural communities that aren't justly represented by a representative who is largely elected by Eugene residents.

It's time the Oregon Legislature represent all of Oregon fairly. The addition of a new congressional district is a chance to reverse partisan gerrymandering.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
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