

Dear Chair Taylor, Co-Chair Salinas, Co-Chair Boshart Davis, and Members of the Redistricting Committee:

Thank you for providing Oregonians this opportunity to give input into the process of redistricting the state.

I have lived in Eugene for 43 years, but I also lived in Grants Pass almost 8 years, and Hillsboro, 4 years prior to that. I am currently represented by Senator James Manning and Representative Nancy Nathanson.

In regard to Congressional maps, I prefer Plan A as it allows the coastal communities to present more unified representation of their unique interests and concerns, particularly for CD 4. It also adheres to keeping most counties whole--except for Douglas, which seems helpful to me. Plan B would dilute the coastal voices as it is too heavy with Josephine and Jackson counties and most of Douglas populations prevailing. Plan B also divides Lane County. People in Florence often come to Eugene/Springfield for health care and other services. Plan A would keep the ties between Florence and Eugene/Springfield strong.

Legislative Plan A. On HD 13 & 14, I find it difficult to ascertain the lines on the map. River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods have been working on our joint neighborhood plan with the City of Eugene for the past 10 years. We have more interests in common with one another than we have differences; however, we do recognize the uniquenesses of one another's neighborhood. It would be good for a single representative to serve a neighborhood in its entirety. From what I see on the map, HD 14 contains both River Road and Santa Clara; but from what I read in the summary, HD 13 has Santa Clara, and River Road is in HD 14. I am confused. Both neighborhoods together make sense to me; but I am okay if each neighborhood is wholly represented by one person in either district.

I have a special interest as an alumna of the University of Oregon in uniting it within a single district. It has unique interests that should have a common voice. To divide the campus between house or senate districts would fracture their commonality.

Generally, I believe that maps for representatives and senators should help maintain communities together that have been historically marginalized. When the population of a city is approximately house-district size, try to maintain it in its wholeness.

On the other hand, districts containing urban, suburban, and rural areas depict the broad spectrum of Oregonians' needs. Representatives from these districts would propose legislation that would serve the overall needs of our state and help heal the rural-urban divide. Broadband internet is an example of services that must reach across all boundaries.

If I am reading the maps correctly, Plans A and C for House and Senate districts represent my preferences most closely.

Thank you for your work on this important task to serve and unify Oregonians.

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