

From: Lane County Small Woodlands Association. Wylda Cafferata, Secretary

RE: Support 2021 House Re-Districting Plan B

September 6, 2021

Dear Members of the Re-Districting Committee

My name is Wylda Cafferata and I am representing the Lane County Small Woodlands Association Board and our 193 members. . We request that in the re-districting process, the State follow the suggested Plan B. We believe Plan B best satisfies the five criteria set for re-districting as follows:

1. Be Contiguous: Under Plan B, the urban Districts are contiguous, and the rural areas will not be any less that they are now with the current districting.
2. Be of Equal Population: We trust the Committee that Plan B meets these criteria.
3. Utilize Existing Geographical or Political Boundaries: Plan B follows these criteria by recognizing the political division between Eugene and Springfield, while both Plans A and C do not.
4. **Not Divide Communities of Common Interest: It is this criterion that is the most cogent part of our support of Plan B. Plan B places most of rural Lane County into rural districts, enabling our rural voice to be heard and recognized in our legislature. Both Plan A and C attempt to conflate rural and urban interests into one voice, weakening both, and putting the rural voice at a disadvantage.**
5. Be Connected by Transportation Links: Under Plan B, the urban districts would be extremely well connected, and the rural areas would be no less connected than under the existing plan.

In summary, the Lane County Small Woodlands Association believes firmly that Plan B meets the established re-districting criteria and we urge its establishment.

Sincerely,

*Wylda Cafferata*

Wylda Cafferata, LCSWA Secretary