

As a business and homeowner in Douglas County, I feel it is imperative that the redistricting process use an intelligent approach that keeps neighborhoods, cities, counties, and school districts whole.

Partisan politics and manipulating maps to benefit a certain party or incumbent, by law, are required to be left out of the redistricting process. Under our current maps, 30% of the members of the Oregon House represent at least some portion of the City of Portland while the City of Portland represents only 15% of the total population of the state of Oregon. Portland should not have an outsized voice in our political process which marginalizes our under-served rural communities and way of life. We now have an opportunity to fix this and I urge you to do the right thing and choose a map that fixes this problem.

Our rural communities have very different needs and concerns than the urban centers and deserve representation and political boundaries that do not include urban areas. Unfortunately, some of the proposed maps bring an inordinate amount of the Portland Metro area into our rural communities.

Most of my community members here in Douglas County are ranchers, farmers, timber industry areas and Map A is placing me and my community into a district that has completely opposite industries within it. The ranching industry does not align with the commercial shopping, residential apartments, or the hotel, shopping and restaurant industries that is combined in this district. I cannot be properly represented by our Representative with this boundary as it does not keep a larger amount of us farmers or ranchers together and combines us into areas that do not correlate with our livelihoods.

I support Congressional map B, Oregon Senate map B and Oregon House map B.

These maps do a more efficient and fair job of keeping other political boundaries and communities of interest intact and providing a more fair representation to the citizens of my community and the other citizens of Oregon.

Warmest regards,

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May you always enjoy the dance" -Donna T

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