I support the Congressional map A. I have lived in The Dalles for 18 years. I have never understood the inclusion of our community with the communities further east and south in the current CD2 map. This town, along with Hood River, have always felt like a bubble that has nothing much in common or connection with most of the other communities in our district. It always seemed completely arbitrary to just go down the line of the mountains and call everything to the east a district.

Our neighborhood in the state is about the Columbia and the mountains. We have I 84 that connects us to the city on the north side and 97 to the south to Bend (where I just went to see a concert last weekend). We are all about wind sports on the Columbia and Deschutes, and skiing and hiking.

When I look at map A and map B and think about community, map A makes the most sense to me and makes me hopeful about actually being able to create an identity for my region that works for the people who live here. I strongly encourage you to adopt CD map A.

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