

Hello,

Maps should not be drawn to favor a political party. Communities deserve proper representation within their districts. We expect lawmakers to draw political maps that are fair, that keep communities of common interest together, provide historically marginalized communities with the representation they deserve, and follow the requirements set forth in Oregon law.

Oregonians understand this and expect our lawmakers to set aside their own personal and political biases in favor of a transparent process and maps that lead to fair representation for all Oregonians.

Did you know that 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. It already has too much and for too long and just look at how Portland has been managed over the last year...horribly! Rural Oregon is completely different than Portland, Eugene and Salem. We deserve to have our voices heard, not drown out by metro Oregon.

Some districts, such as House District 11, seem clearly drawn to disenfranchise rural voters by reaching into Eugene to include a few urban, university precincts that drown out the voices of the rest of the community. Farmers and University of Oregon students do not represent communities of common interest! Even the current representative for the district recently criticized how the district was drawn, pointing out that it divides multiple communities and that it quote: "does not serve the best interests of my constituents." He went on to say that "we can do better." If you look at a map of the district, I think you It's time to fix the gerrymandering of the past and give Oregonians fair maps.

HOW MAPS SHOULD BE DRAWN:

- Making sure that no district is drawn for the purposes of favoring any political party or Incumbent or diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.
- Keeping counties and cities whole.
- Preserving communities of common interests.
- Ensuring that populations for each district be closely matched.
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries and maintain transportation links.

Thank you for you time and consideration,

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