

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, Co-Chairs Boshart-Davis and Salinas, and Committee Members:

My name is Michael S Berry. I am an Oregonian currently residing in U.S. Congressional District 4, Senate District 1, and House District 2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

My testimony here is focused on redistricting as it pertains to U.S. Congressional District 4. I hope that I will be allowed to submit another piece of testimony for the upcoming statewide public hearings.

I favor the adoption of Plan B for the new boundaries for U.S. Congressional District 4. I request that you advance Plan B to a vote of the full legislature, or- at least use Plan B as the basis for a final version. As proposed, Plan B would keep rural southern Oregon communities of interest together, minimizing disenfranchisement of rural residents. It would not divide Southern Oregon tribes.

Plan A is less desirable. It may violate some of the rules that guide redistricting, by
a) unnecessarily dividing communities of interest including Southern Oregon tribes, and
b) favoring a political party and its incumbent.

Plan A also introduces a new, seemingly unnatural boundary that would divide Douglas County.

Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Michael S. (Mike) Berry
Concerned resident of Douglas County, Oregon