

Coos Bay/North Bend is in Congressional District 4. It is culturally distinct from "the valley" (Eugene/Springfield area), and physically and ideologically very separated from the Eugene/Springfield area and its associated university and big business base. I'm seeing maps which consider combining our wildly separate districts. If this were to happen our coastal voice would be overwhelmed by whatever the valley wants to push through. I am sure that the committee that devised these maps realizes this, and that is their goal. That would be a huge injustice and would only cause further division. Don't do it. Let the South Coast continue to have a voice for its very different concerns.

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