

To whom it may concern,

I am completely and utterly opposed to redistricting our state. I grew up in Clatsop County, spent 8 years in Tillamook County and currently reside in Deschutes County. Redistricting benefits no one other than those in the Metropolitan areas. Stop trying to silence rural Oregon. Your issues should stand on their own merit not be passed because you changed the rules.

What are we teaching our children if we change the rules every time we're afraid we aren't going to be the ones that come out on top. We have already told our youth we don't believe in them by removing reading, writing, and arithmetic standards. Now you want to tell them if you can't win, change the rules until you do.

We are better than this. It saddens me greatly that our state has sunk to such lows. Our State government is failing us miserably. You say that everyone has a voice, but only if that voice is of the majority. By all means, silence those of differing opinions or those who question status quo. Where did we come completely unhinged and go off the rails?

Enough is enough! Stop messing with people's ability to be heard. Leave the districts alone and stop preventing people the chance to vote on pivotal issues. It goes against everything this country was built on.

Regards,

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