

As a rural Oregon resident, immigrant and naturalized citizen and someone who has resided in all 3 west coast states primarily in large urban communities, San Francisco, Seattle as examples, my wife and I chose to relocate to Wallowa County a year ago to provide a less chaotic and safer environment to raise our young teenage daughters. As we are in the midst of redistricting and having perused the 3 options being proposed it is obvious to us that to retain the the rural atmosphere here in NE Oregon it is imperative that HOUSE PLAN B is adopted so as to ensure that we retain our political voice in Salem and not become voiceless by being gerrymandered into a district that has different priorities and has the advantage of greater numbers which would render us mute. We appreciate the opportunity to address the committee and hope the outcome will allow us to retain our voice in Salem.

Sincerely Paul Doherty and Jenna Smith.