

Good afternoon Committee,

First of all, thank you for your work on this project, I know it can be a lot of hard work, but it is an important part of our democratic process.

I am writing in regards to the proposals for HD19, of which I am a citizen of as a resident of Aumsville. And yes, I do vote. I would like to state that I think that keeping our historic districts, as well as adding in the Jefferson area would be the best alignment of our area, which is small town rural; and by adding in the area of Jefferson will add in other small towns similar to the demographic that we currently have. If the committee is truly looking for a decision that would keep similar areas and ideals the same to best be a representative government, as the US and Oregon are meant to be, then those make the most sense.

Being a newer Oregonian (about 5 years now), I am quite disappointed to see the level of partisanship in government and downright unwillingness to consider viewpoints or ideas other than what Portland Metro/Eugene/Bend want. Being a former resident of Eastern Oregon, life is very different with different needs over there, which makes the "representative" part of government so important. I love the Pacific Northwest, and love my new home in Oregon, but I am disgusted by the partisan politics and heavy handed approach that is so often taken when it comes to decisions for We the People.

In closing, as I have stated, I think making sure that the districting process is done to truly look at the populations served, not about partisan politics of "stacking" areas for more votes for a greater lopsided Oregon.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

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