

I live in congressional district 5 and feel it is way past time for fair maps to be drawn for our political boundaries. We have not had them in a very long time. The last 10 years have been extremely bad. .Everyone outside of our 3 largest cities are not getting equally represented. Portland should be its own district . The smaller towns and cities who are made up of mostly rural people who think much differently, need to be fairly represented for our different needs. We pay taxes too. We expect our lawmakers to be honest and trustworthy to follow the requirements set forth in Oregon law. They need to set aside their personal beliefs and political biases and give us transparent, and fair maps for all Oregonians.

I have read that 30% of Oregon house members represent some portion of Portland (a Hugh red flag) while Portland represent only 15% of the total population of Oregon. Does this seem fair and honest? Look at district 11 does anyone not connected to the universities, but surrounded by rural communities even have a chance of fair representation? It is way past time to fix the gerrymandering and represent all Oregonians. You need to keep counties and cities whole. Preserve communities of common interest. Ensure the population of each district be closely matched. Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries. And make sure that no districts are drawn to favor any political party or incumbent.

Thank you
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