

Dear Committee Chairs (Senator Taylor, Rep Salinas, Rep Boshart-Davis),

My name is Shane Hickman, and I am a resident of Grants Pass in Josephine County, District 2. I am a father of four and a retired Veteran, but most importantly, I am an Oregonian. As I reviewed the published redistricting plans, I, as with many in my community, am very concerned about possible outcomes; some of the proposed plans look to marginalize our voice. The redistricting process should be done to ensure the population for each district is closely matching, thus ensuring fairness in representation.

I feel that the House Plan B map best represents all of us by enfranchising all Oregonians and giving rural areas a fair chance for proper representation. The people in urban neighborhoods should not overshadow those in rural areas, which would happen under some iterations of redistricting. As for me, I want to ensure Grants Pass, our school districts, and Josephine County are kept whole, thus keeping communities of interest together. All any of us want in the end is for the redistricting plan to be fair and provide an avenue for all Oregonians to have representation and a voice, not just urban areas. House Plan B gives all Oregonians the best attempt at fair representation.

Respectfully,
Shane Hickman