

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, Co-Chair Salinas, Co-chair Boshart Davis, and members of the Senate and House Interim Committees on Redistricting:

I'm writing to express my strong support for Congressional District Plan A. I've listened to most of the public testimony to this point and discussed the possibilities with friends and associates.

I've lived in Tigard for the past six years and in Astoria for fifteen years prior. I've served on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners and on numerous committees and boards, including the Columbia Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac), which serves Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook Counties, and the western part of Washington County. Col-Pac members have found much in common.

Bringing Tillamook County into the northwest Oregon Congressional District 1 with its neighboring counties makes a lot of sense, particularly regarding sustainable forestry, seafood, recreation, tourism, resilience, and carbon-free energy.

I've served as the director of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, working with counties and cities along the coast, and on the advisory board for Oregon Sea Grant. I like the way that Plan A's District 4 includes the main campuses and coastal locations of Oregon's universities.

Stretching District 3 to Bend made me blink at first, but I've come to find it brilliant. The natural transportation corridors to the Portland metro area and the Columbia River help make a case for including the growing city while preserving traditional connections within District 2.

I appreciate the diversity within Oregon and the creativity of Oregonians. Congressional District Plan A relies heavily on county boundaries, and that's an excellent way to pressure communities of interest.

It makes sense to honor the natural relationships of rural and coastal communities with Oregon's largest city. We seek not to isolate ourselves from each other but to work together to create futures we have yet to envision.

Thank you for your impressive accomplishments.

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