

Hi,

I would like to submit my testimony about the redistricting that is happening at this time.

I fear that the best interest of the cities, towns and rural areas of Oregon are not going to be accounted for fairly.

I have a right to be heard. The legislators are not heading the people's desires and demands. We are so frustrated to not be represented by people who share our values. We want to be heard. Please honor my requests below.

- 1) Keep communities together. Example: Do not divide the City of McMinnville from rural McMinnville. Some cities in Oregon are trisected by 3 different house districts!
- 2) Keep districts within reasonable geographical ranges. Example: A district that spans from the Oregon coast to the far reaches of Eastern Oregon is likely not the best representation for those residents. Some of these maps have Portland voters controlling almost 70% of Oregon's congressional districts!
- 3) Prioritize citizen testimony. Legislators have a conflict of interest in determining how these lines are drawn. Put our considerations first.
- 4) Use a neutral, technology-based, data-driven process to draw lines based on population. Example: computer models take the risk of human gerrymandering efforts out of the equation.
- 5) Prioritize critical criteria for drawing the lines, including equal population, protection of minority community representation, existing boundary lines for counties, cities and school districts, and geographic realities.

Please do not knuckle under to special interests. We the people are begging to be heard and to be honored.

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