

My name is Maurizio Valerio. I am a Union County resident in District 2.

I would like to encourage the Redistricting Committee to keep the powerful words found in the *Criteria for apportionment of state into congressional and legislative districts* (188.010) :

(1) Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:

- (a) Be contiguous;
- (b) Be of equal population;
- (c) Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;
- (d) Not divide communities of common interest; and
- (e) Be connected by transportation links.

(2) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator or other person.

(3) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

I am particularly concerned with the voices of rural communities. Please help this important process by honoring the voices of our rural communities for they have become "de facto" a cultural minority which does not find in our current districting maps a fair representation.

An example of what I support are maps like:

- Congress Our Oregon 21-9-06C

- Best Minority Representation (Trent Bracht-

Oregon)<https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::85426325-2388-4825-9200-50f0bbf66aff>

Respectfully,
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