

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee:

The University of Oregon is an important community of interest that should be preserved in redistricting to ensure effective representation.

I study at University of Oregon (Economics and Medieval Studies) and have lived in several areas throughout Eugene as a student. Although my neighborhoods have been diverse, with differing needs, they all share the same community. I rely on my community's excellent shared services and resources, including its transportation system, its public amenities, and its shared interests. Eugene consistently sets the national standard in responding to crises, whether they be mental health emergencies or covid containment, because we share values and coordinate resources throughout our communities. I rely on my community's ability to support itself and advocate for itself.

The proposed "Map A" would divide UO and its surrounding areas, ignoring that community's shared values, services, and transportation links. This would contradict both the intent and the letter of our redistricting laws. I support "Map C", which preserves the University as a community of interest and ensures its effective representation.

Sincerely,

Henry Hakanson