

To members of the committee,

I am a native Oregonian, born in Ontario and have lived in Central Oregon for most of my life. I sat in on the first round of District 2 hearings and have given thoughtful reflection on my testimony.

Looking over the proposed maps, there are flaws in each. But the one I see the most division and unfavorably is map A. This map divides the two closely connected communities of Bend and Redmond. While yes, Bend and Redmond have seen a huge population growth, they both share closely meshed communities and populations. Many of the people who work and play in Bend live and reside in Redmond and Prineville. It would be irresponsible for the committee to divide this community based on numbers and politics. Not only would this divide this community, it would divide the Confederated Warm Springs Reservation; an already underserved and underrepresented area.

Also, redistricting Redmond, Warm Springs and the surrounding communities of the highway 97 corridor with Portland is ridiculous. Central Oregon shares very few commonalities with Portland. Portland has its own needs and problems that need to be dealt with solely within its own district.

While map B still has a few things that could be tweaked, I feel it is the best that would give voice and representation of the cultures and communities of suburban and rural Oregon.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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