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Dear Redistricting Committee,

For over 100 years, the League of Women Voters has educated voters and defended our democracy. As we review the redistricting maps presented by your committee, we believe that there is still more work to be done to ensure that all Oregonians are represented in a fair manner.

The Redistricting Criteria is clearly spelled out. One of the points is that communities of common interest should not be divided. We do not need a “donut” hole in Bend. We do not need to be included with Portland. We want our communities to be whole and represented by someone who will listen to our concerns and can relate to our unique needs.

The League supports People Not Politicians which has introduced Initiative Petition 16 for the November 2022 ballot. “WE” are to choose who represents us. Not the other way around. In the midst of voter suppression nationally, we must lead with integrity. Oregon is the leader in voting rights and elections. We must once again show that leadership in how we choose to redistrict. We are ABOVE the petty partisan bickering. “You” as our elected representatives must lead by example in drawing fair, non-partisan maps that are inclusive of all voters whether they are Republican, Democrat, or Non-affiliated. As we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the September 11 attacks, one theme continues to resonate, “WE WERE UNITED”. Let us be united again in continuing to work together and defend our democracy.

Sincerely,

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