

I would like to present my written testimony on the redistricting of the state.

My vote goes to the Republican MapB for the following reasons:

I am concerned that Oregon guidelines for the congressional districts follow the existing laws and maintain fair divisions.

With Map B It no district is drawn to favor any political party or Legislator. In addition, Map B recognizes that no transportation link exists from the Willamette Valley to Deschutes County. As per the guidelines, the districts are not to divide communities of interest. So keeping Bend and North Central Oregon part of Eastern Oregon is more logical. When considering locations and neighboring areas, map B keeps Bend and Redmond together since they are contiguous. Finally, since the guideline indicated that groups should not dilute any language or minority group, Map B, splits Marion and Clackamas counties to keep Warm Springs whole which also keeps the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Burns and Paiute and Klamath Falls tribes together.

In summary, I feel Republican Map B avoids gerrymandering, follows Oregon Law guidelines and keeps North Central Oregon's agricultural interests with the rest of eastern Oregon which we support.

Thank you,
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