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To the Legislative Redistricting Committee:

I am submitting testimony to this committee because I have lived in Oregon for 80 years and I want the state to be divided into fair voting districts so that every Oregonian is represented by their chosen representatives. I live in district 2 which is a very rural district that has unique customs and expectations for those who live here.

I have owned and lived on my cattle ranch since 1961, raising cattle and crops. The process of redistricting should follow the Oregon statute, ORS188.010 that says districts should be contiguous, be of equal population, utilize existing geographic or political boundaries, and be connected by transportation links. I feel that House Plan B most closely follows these directives, out of all the maps that have been submitted. We need to be represented by having a rural district in eastern Oregon. We have to pick the right answer for all Oregonians and the integrity of this district with proper representation is critical to our way of life. Please look at the fairness of House Plan B and use that plan to redistrict the state.

Sincerely,

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