

I live in Sandy. The Committee-proposed redistricting maps, labeled House Plan A and House Plan C, violate several of the criteria for redistricting set forth in Oregon statute.

First of all, the City of Sandy is split between two House Districts, when the criteria call for respecting political subdivisions. There is no good reason for a town with Sandy's population not to be kept wholly within one House District, diluting its representation..

Second, Sandy has been split from the mountain communities to the east. Sandy is the town that services these communities. Mountain residents come to Sandy to shop, to use our parks and other facilities. Sandy is known as "the gateway to Mt. Hood," folks on their way to recreate on Mt. Hood from the west stop in Sandy for services varying from restaurants to ski rentals. The mountain communities relate far more closely to Sandy than they do to Hood River or The Dalles. The criteria call for communities of interest to be kept together.

Third, the Oregon Trails School District has also been split. Again, the criteria call for drawing boundaries that respect existing political subdivisions.

Fourth, while the criteria call for respecting transportation links, Sandy, a key part of the Highway 26 corridor, has been carved out of it into a separate HD.

On a separate issue, the map labeled Congress Plan A places parts of Portland and Multnomah County in the same CD as Wasco and Jefferson Counties in central Oregon. When Oregon only had 4 or 5 seats in the House of Representatives and the CDs needed to be bigger, it was never necessary to pair Portland with central Oregon; how can it be justified when now we have 6?

Respectfully submitted,

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