Dear Members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees,

I believe in legislative and Congressional districts that reflect the people living there and not the political wills of party leaders on any side. I also believe that physical geographic boundaries often make sense over administrative ones.

I am an Oregonian - born and raised here. I have lived on the central Oregon coast for over 45 years. I am unaffiliated with any party.

Legislative districts that link our coastwise communities would recognize the unique interests, resources and challenges we face. Lumping coastal communities with inland neighbors dilutes our voice in Salem.

A Congressional district that would encompass the entire coast would also better represent our interests.

When you make your decisions, please consider the people who live in the various districts and not just the votes on the floor in Salem or D.C.

Thank you for your attention to this difficult job. Janet Webster Newport, Oregon