

To: Senator Taylor, Rep. Salinas, Rep. Boshart-Davis, and our other representatives:

Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this important issue. My name is Lisa Scrimenti. I am a retired lawyer and Precinct Committee Person, District 18, Congressional District 5. I grew up in Portland but I now live on a small farm outside of Salem.

I have reviewed all 3 sets of proposed Maps, and, of all of them, House Map B and Senate Map B seem the most fair. The "B" proposal is much more likely to accomplish the statutory directives for redistricting that you, our legislators, are bound to observe. For example, keeping communities, and school districts together. And, most importantly to me, keeping rural communities together.

Several of the maps seem to divide up the rural communities and put them in mainly urban districts. They divide up the urban districts so that they overpopulate the rural districts. This would limit representation for rural voters and is a clear sign of gerrymandering. For example, one map would put Portland-area voters in control of selecting 4 out of 6 of our congressional delegation! Portland already represents 30% of our House, while the City of Portland represents only 15% of our population! An analysis in the Oregonian showed that 86% of these seats would be controlled by one party. This is a clear sign of gerrymandering!

Oregonians expect our lawmakers to draw the lines and adopt district boundaries that lead to fair representation for all Oregonians. Please follow the requirements set forth in Oregon law and give us the representation we deserve.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you approve House Map B and Senate Map B.

By the way, I had signed up to provide video testimony at the 8:00 am hearing this morning but our internet was not functioning and then I was unable to sign in on the Microsoft Teams app. I was not able to view the livestream, either. I am assuming it is due to technical difficulties on my part, but in case it is on the hosting side, thought you should know.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Scrimenti