

Dear Redistricting Committee & Committee Members,

I have looked at the committees' proposed maps for redistricting. Keenly aware that currently my area of rural Linn County does not belong in HD 11 and SD 6. The Oregon constitution is clear that centers of interest be kept together and including the Central Linn community with Eugene and Springfield does not meet that criterion. Since the previous redistricting we have not been appropriately represented. Many times those of us living in the Central Linn area have spoken out about this feeling of misplacement. With that in mind, the proposal "A" for House districts from your committee keeps our rural Linn County area together as it should be. The proposal "C" for Senate districts also accomplishes this. As does Congressional plan "A". These proposals also satisfy the quality of utilizing existing geographic or political boundaries (Linn county border and the Willamette river.) Please ensure that rural Oregon districts are not misplaced into areas with higher population density, different priorities and different needs. This only leads to frustration as rural Oregonians feel that we are ignored or passed over.

As your constituent, I urge you to oppose any gerrymandering or undue partisan influence in the upcoming redistricting process. Oregonians across the state expect maps to be drawn fairly and in a compact manner, with communities of common interest like school districts and neighborhoods left intact. You must ensure that rural Oregonians are kept in districts with similar population density, and not drawn into districts with a higher population density and different needs. I ask that you ensure all Oregonians receive the representation they deserve. Oregonians will not stand for gerrymandered maps that blatantly benefit one party over the other.

Sincerely,

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