

To the Redistricting committee:

By law, legislators must follow these guidelines when forming district boundaries:

1. Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall

- a. be Contiguous
- b. be of equal population,
- c. utilize existing geographic or political boundaries,
- d. not unnecessarily divide communities of interest and are connected by transportation links

2. No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator or other person.

3. No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

4. Two state House of Representative districts shall be wholly included within a single state senatorial district. [1979 c.667 §1; 1981 c.864 §2]

Congressional Plan A is a partisan gerrymandered map. According to the Willamette Week, the only way to get Democrats an additional seat is by gerrymandering. This is exactly what this plan does. Plan A unnecessarily divides the city of Salem 5 ways to combine its populated urban areas with rural ones, which will keep rural communities from being properly represented.

Plan C uses weak transportation links, separates communities of interest, and unnecessarily pairs urban and rural areas to disenfranchise rural communities.

Congressional Plan B keeps communities of interest together and will better represent constituencies.

Please follow Oregon law and draw the new lines in a fair and non-partisan way!

Respectfully,

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