

I urge this committee to put away partisanship and cling to fair and balanced reason when drawing new district maps for Oregon.

Please oppose any gerrymandering or undue partisan influence in the upcoming redistributing process. Oregonians across the state expect maps to be drawn fairly and in a way that keeps communities of common interests like school districts and neighborhoods intact. Rural Oregonians need to be kept in districts with similar population densities and not be drawn into high population density with people of different needs. I ask that you ensure all Oregonians receive the representation they deserve.

Oregon will not stand as a free and thriving state when gerrymandered maps that blatantly benefit one party over the other.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.