To the Redistricting Committee:

I would like to express concerns as it relates to Jefferson County and the proposed <u>Congress Plan A</u>, linking rural, Jefferson County with the Portland Metro Area.

This plan would negate the representation of the Jefferson County elector & violate the Oregon Constitution ORS 188.010 (c)(d)(2)(3).

- (c) Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries.
- (d) Not divide communities of common interest; and
- (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 majority group.

Plan B is acceptable by maintaining the principles of the above statute. I urge the committee to enact this plan for the sake of equity and integrity in our elections systems.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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