

I am Jim Harbour and I live just outside of Estacada, Oregon in 3rd Congress District, 20th Senate District, and 39th House District.

We are a rural region not an urban city region. The rural regions have more in common with each other. For example, where I live in Estacada where people have Septic Tanks and Well water and no sidewalks, we are more similar to Sandy than Gresham. It was Clackamas County that had to evacuate from a Wildfire of last year where the large cities only had smoke to the deal with. We were out of our house for 26 days before we could go back home. Several of the communities' homes were destroyed and we have had to deal with rebuilding, a problem the city did not have. Resources need to be directed to the rural area not just the big city.

I can say that it would be hard for someone to represent Multnomah County which is the Cities of Portland, Gresham, and Troutdale verses Clackamas County with smaller cities, small towns, and mostly rural regions each having different issues. We the people in rural areas want our voices heard and our needs considered important by whoever represents us at all levels. How can this happen when we are outnumbered by urban concerns?

To be fair in redistricting I ask that you place yourself in the shoes of each citizen, in each neighborhood, rural area, small town, small city, large city, and realize that the communities who share things in common need to be together. The Small towns with large rural areas surrounding them should be together and the urban communities should be together. That way everyone can be heard and represented fairly.

In looking at the committee proposals maps, I feel that map B would be fairer for all regions. Map B for the Congress, the House, and the Senate looks like it has equal populations, and more importantly the communities have more common interests.

Thank you for letting our voices be heard.

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