

## BRIDGING WHEN REDISTRICTING

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Thank you for your time to hear/read these thoughts.

One concern voiced across this nation recently – past two years – is how do we bridge divides socially, politically, racially, and financially. It seems one way would be to assure our representatives are not representing districts that live alike, vote alike, look alike or share similar bank balance amounts, respectively. With that in mind, I submitted a Congressional mapping and completed – too late to submit on Sunday night – a legislative map, both of which attempt do just that.

I am a complete novice at redistricting maps and know full well, the maps I offer are extremely unlikely to be considered. Nonetheless, I felt it worth my time of 60+ hours to get the two to pass the integrity checks with flying colors and at the very least, show that

- redistricting is a great way to bring voters together and also
- a way to have our Congressional and Legislative leaders represent all of us.

We do have more in common than not. One of our Oregon leaders, Jamie McCloud Skinner has spoken and written on this topic at length. Although she may or may not agree with the above proposal or maps, I have created, it is her leadership that has inspired me.

Making districts that are diverse and inclusive of the marginalized, would also reduce the additions of ‘pork’ in bills to negotiate ‘yes’ votes which at the same time pit one district against another for funding.

Thank you for consideration.