

FROM: Mary F. Hoehna, Citizen, Small Woodland
Congressional District 2

SUBJECT: Written Testimony for Oregon House and Senate Redistricting Committees

Dear Redistricting Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony. I am unable to present this testimony during the Congressional District 2 public hearing due to scheduling conflicts I could not change. I have carefully reviewed the guidelines that were provided on the redistricting website and understand these guidelines must be followed when forming district boundaries. Additionally, I have carefully reviewed the various proposed plan recommendations from both Democrat and Republican legislators. Because redistricting is so important and affects us all for the next ten years, I recommend the following:

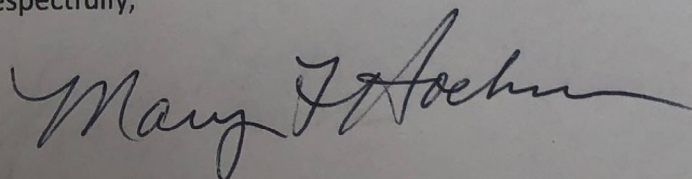
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: *I strongly favor adopting the Congressional Plan B.* Congressional Plan B keeps essentially the same boundary as the current CD 2 and clearly meets the criteria. Plan A cuts Southern Oregon in half, which has more in common with Eastern Oregon than it does the Willamette valley. Also splitting Douglas County, separating Bend from Redmond and breaking up the Warm Springs Reservation and the land they have in trust on the Columbia River as Plan A does, does NOT make sense and flagrantly goes against the communities of interest criteria we are supposed to follow! Congressional Plan B keeps Eastern Oregon together by splitting only one county.

STATE SENATE DISTRICTS: *I strongly favor adopting Senate Plan A with slight modification.* I again see obvious dividing of communities of interest by proposing that Eugene have three senate districts converging at the University of Oregon campus. Keeping the city of Eugene's political and geographical boundaries intact would meet the redistricting criteria. Eugene is an urban area and not rural and should have one senate district not three.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS: *I strongly favor adopting House Plan B.* House Plan B is a proposal that clearly keeps communities of interest intact, does not split Bend and Redmond and does not break up counties. I noticed that the other proposals split the Cow Creek Indian Tribe and even split Deschutes County in four parts. Clearly, this unnecessarily divides rural and tribal communities of interest, as well as not using existing geographic and political boundaries.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present my testimony. I appreciate your willingness to serve our State on this important committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary F. Hoehna", with a stylized, flowing script.

Mary F. Hoehna