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SUBJECT: Written Testimony for Oregon House and Senate Redistricting Committee

Dear Redistricting Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony. I am unable to present this testimony during the scheduled public hearing for my Congressional District 2 area. I have carefully reviewed the lawful guidelines that were provided to us on the state redistricting website and understand these guidelines must be followed when forming district boundaries. Additionally, I have carefully reviewed the various proposed plan recommendations posted from both Democrat and Republican legislators. I would like to present a few short recommendations for each of the Congressional, state Senate and state Representative proposed redistricting areas.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: *I strongly favor adopting the Congressional Plan B.* Living in a rural Oregon county (Umatilla), I see the importance of keeping communities of interest together. Carving out the eastern Oregon communities of Bend and north Central Oregon and combining them with Portland makes no sense and flagrantly goes against the communities of interest criteria we are supposed to follow! Congressional Plan B keeps 18 of 19 Oregon counties together. Congressional Plan B is for the most part the same boundary as the current CD 2 and clearly meets the criteria.

STATE SENATE DISTRICTS: *I strongly favor adopting Senate Plan A with some modification.* I again see a very obvious dividing of communities of interest by proposing that Eugene have 3 senate districts converging at the large University of Oregon campus? Eugene is an urban area and not rural. Keeping the city of Eugene's political and geographical boundaries intact would meet the redistricting criteria. Eugene 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? It is clear in my mind this unnecessarily divides rural and tribal communities of interest, as well as, unnecessarily 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 very important committee.

Respectfully,

