

Dear Legislative Redistricting Committee,

This is, as you all know, a time of great division in our beloved country. We all have an obligation to try to heal the divide, even though we retain different points of view about issues. It makes no sense, therefore, that we would divide a city, Sandy, into different districts. We are ONE city, ONE school district, ONE community that values various points of view. We share so much, please do not divide us.

House District map C doesn't follow Oregon law as it splits the Oregon Trail School District into 2 districts (new 52 and 18) and splits the city of Sandy into two districts. It also splits the city of Sandy from the mountain communities (Brightwood to Govt. Camp) when the law requires communities of interest and political subdivisions to be in the same district. Mountain community residents use Sandy medical, social service, parks and recreation, grocery stores and schools as their resource center. We are neighbors and should not be split by an imaginary line. There is a simple solution to Map C: remove Mosier and The Dalles in Wasco County which have no connection with us and put Sandy entirely back into new HD 52.

Thank you for your consideration,
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