

I bought my home in Malheur County Oregon in 1994, having grown up in neighboring Payette County Idaho. It was a deliberate decision to move across the border. Although I knew it would result in higher property taxes, I valued the progressive nature of Oregon politics and the higher standards of education for my children.

Malheur County made a decisive effort recently which has, for the first time in years, been a beneficial move for our long suffering economics woes in legalizing sales of cannabis. We can, for the first time in years, see the positive benefits of having additional tax revenue which will disappear with a border shift.

I, for one, do NOT wish to become a part of Idaho with lower education standards, and lower wages as well as a much, much less aggressive response to COVID-19.

If members within our community wish to live in a community that has an appreciation of Idaho standards, they should move to Idaho. They have no respect for those of us who have made our decision and are a part of Oregon PERS. There are many of us who made our choices years ago and have been happily established within current borders for decades.

The idea of shifting state borders to accommodate a few dissatisfied but vocal individuals is a ludicrous idea!

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