

To the Members of the Redistricting Committee of the Oregon Legislature:

Thank you for reading and considering my testimony as a registered voter/citizen of Oregon, as follows:

I am a grandmother of 14, a retired registered nurse of 35 years. I was born, raised, and have lived my entire life in Oregon. The last 45 years I have lived in Eagle Creek in Clackamas County.

Only a few things have changed here in our rural community in the last 10 years. Our water still comes from the wells we have either dug or drilled. We all have septic tanks or sand filter systems. There is no sewerage system. We have endured wildfires a year ago that we had to evacuate from with our livestock for 10+ days. We also are still cleaning up the mess from the ice storm in February.

I have studied the 3 different maps that are submitted and frankly I am shaking my head at maps A and C. The goal of redistricting is to evenly spread the population growth that occurred in the last 10 years over new lines for Congress, for Oregon House, and Oregon Senate Districts by keeping counties whole, school districts whole, and like communities whole.

Maps A and C have lines drawn that take part of SE Portland and include that with my rural neighborhood. Those maps do not meet the criteria for keeping like communities whole.

Maps B have the best option for effectively keeping my rural community within my county, within my school district, keeping my voice in government from being diluted by the differing values and needs of SE Portland. Please put Congressional Map B, Oregon Senate Map B and Oregon House Map B at the top of your consideration in order to meet the criteria of redistricting fairly for all Oregon citizens, rural and city folks.

Respectfully,

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