

To Committee members,

I am writing today as I am very concerned about the current District that I am in. I live on the Central Oregon coast and have been very frustrated over the lack of representation that I feel I have based on the current maps. The decisions being made by most of my legislators do match my beliefs or our lifestyle here on the coast. Currently part of Multnomah county is in my district, even though the citizens in Portland have nothing in common with me or my neighbors. The things that are important to them are not the same things that are important in rural areas. This diluting of my voice is very frustrating and it seems that the current maps do not live up to the law. Why would Multnomah be included in District 5 if not to steal the voices of rural Oregon (Gerrymandering).

Some of the new proposed maps are not any better and in some cases worse. The "A" and "C" maps appear to be blatant attempts at gerrymandering. Several of the maps still include parts of Multnomah county in my district. The maps overrepresent the Portland area once again! One of the maps would put Portland voters in control of four out of six of the districts. An Oregonian analysis showed that five out of six, approx. 86% would likely be controlled by one party. The City of Portland only represents 15% of the total population of Oregon. This is so unfair and does not follow the letter of the law as it pertains to redistricting.

After looking at all the map options I support the Congressional District Plan "B" which gives my rural area fair Representation in Congress. Please follow the principles that have been set forth as to how the maps should be drawn.

Thank you for your consideration.

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