

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee:

I am a senior citizen who has lived in Eugene, Oregon for the past twenty years. I am deeply appreciative of Oregon's inclusive, open and fair system of voting by mail. I love to exercise my right to vote as an American citizen, and the State of Oregon makes it easy for me to do so. I wish that our entire nation were as enlightened as Oregon.

Redistricting is an important part of keeping the voting process fair. Please consider the following paragraph as my testimony regarding redistricting choices currently before the Redistricting Committee:

The University of Oregon is an important community of interest that must be preserved intact in redistricting to ensure effective representation. The proposed "Map A" divides the University into three different House Districts and three different Senate Districts. This is precisely what our redistricting laws seek to prevent.

Accordingly, I support "Map C", which preserves the University as a community of interest and ensures its effective representation.

Best regards,

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Eugene, Lane County, Oregon