

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Monday, September 13, 2021

House Special Committee on Redistricting - Oregon Oregon Legislative Policy and Research Office Attn: Redistricting Team 900 Court St. NE, Room 453 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Written Testimony for 2021 Redistricting - Oregon

Dear Representatives of the Special Committee on Redistricting,

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners would like to submit our formal written testimony in support of the proposed <u>2021 Congressional Redistricting Map B</u> for your consideration as a part of the 10-year process of redrawing of the United State House of Representatives and Oregon State Senate and State House of Representatives district boundaries. We would also like to express our opposition to all other maps proposed by the Oregon State Senate and Oregon State House of Representatives.

We feel that the proposed 2021 Congressional Redistricting Map B will do a more efficient and fair job of keeping political boundaries and communities of interest intact, and providing a more fair representation of the citizens of Douglas County, as well as the citizens of Oregon.

Douglas County is 50% public lands. Splitting our county utilizing any of the other proposed redistricting maps would weaken the voice of our county and our communities on this issue. We need educated, active and united congressional representation on public land issues which are essential to the economic health of our county. We simply cannot risk this vital issue taking a back seat to other issues that may be of higher priority to other areas.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit our support of 2021 Congressional Redistricting Map B, and thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please feel to contact Commissioner Tom Kress, Chair of the 2021 Douglas County Board of Commissioners at (541) 440-4201 or by email at kress@co.douglas.or.us.

Sincerely,

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