

September 13, 2021

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, Co-Chair Salinas, Co-Chair Boshart Davis, and Members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees,

Thank you for your service to all of Oregon on the House and Senate redistricting committees. Baker County Board of Commissioners provide this written testimony today for your consideration while redistricting the Legislative, Senate, and Congressional district lines that include our Baker County Citizenry.

Baker County and our vast yet nearby regions have significant communities of interest that must be preserved. In this age of equity and inclusion that is so forcefully promoted and highly prioritized, Map CD2B provides the most fair, equitable and legal representation for our Eastern Oregon Regions. Map CD2B best preserves these communities of interest and adheres to the United States and Oregon Constitutions, federal laws as well as Oregon statutes, of the submitted Congressional maps.

- Keeps Eastern Oregon regions intact, keeps 18 of 19 counties together, Jackson County split to equalize population.
- Divides Marion and Clackamas counties to keep the Warm Springs Tribe whole; keeps Umatilla, Burns Paiute, and Klamath Tribes whole as well
- Respects the natural boundary of the Cascade Mountains and is largely the same boundary as Congressional District 2 currently.
- Central and Eastern Oregon Universities are still together.
- Keeps North Central Oregon's rural agriculture interests aligned with rural Eastern Oregon agriculture interests.

We ask you to reject the obviously gerrymandered maps presented that would unnecessarily divide our communities of interest, ignore existing geographic boundaries, and illogically connect and disenfranchise our eastern, frontier and rural communities with urban population centers, for most, many hundreds of miles way.

Respectfully submitted,

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