

September 13, 2021

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,

I live in Congressional District 5 in South Tillamook County. I support Congressional plan A, House plan A, and Senate A as I believe the best represent the spirit of the guidelines for redistricting.

House Plan C be terrible for Tillamook County. House plan C trisects Tillamook County into three districts, splitting it from North to South along Highway 101, separating the coastline from the inland and lopping off North Tillamook County. This plan flies in the face of the following redistricting guidelines:

To utilize existing geographic or political boundaries
Not to divide communities of common interest
Not to divide communities connected by transportation links.

Rural coastal communities have very specific common interests including our natural resource based industries of dairy farming, timber and fishing, and our growing tourism industry. We have strong community pride and community values that bond us as a county.

I strongly believe that the Coast Range and the Cascade Range should be hard boundaries whenever possible. Our State is divided into at least three very distinct regions. In addition major metropolitan areas should be kept separate from rural areas. Doing so ensures that all Oregonians have a say at the table, best exemplifies the spirit if redistricting, and supports the major guiding principles:

To utilize existing geographic or political boundaries
Not to divide communities of common interest
Not to divide communities connected by transportation links.

Any map that make a “pie” out of a metropolitan area order to encompass rural area is simply wrong, it take away the voice of rural Oregon and furthers the growing divide between urban and rural Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

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