

My name is Amy Sabbadini.

Thank you for your service in representing Oregonians in such a divisive, stressful time. Redistricting is one of the most important tools in representative government. I am proud to participate in this critical process.

Though I live in Bend, I follow state and federal policy, perhaps as a hobby, but also because I am a high school social studies teacher. I also teach at OSU Cascades in the graduate school of education. My children attend local public schools and my husband is in home modification and serves on our city's committee for accessibility. We are loyal residents of our city, even though it has changed over the years. We rely on Highway 97 for most of our transportation needs. That is our most important corridor.

Congressional District 2 has had an identity crisis in the past few years because of the large growth in population. This is not just cultural but also economic. As tourism and tech, we now host a satellite university, making us an anomaly of the region. Even my friends in Redmond see themselves as distinctly NOT Bend.

My feedback on each map:

Congress Plan A – lumps culturally and economically similar groups together, which makes sense geographically. Redmond and Prineville share more than Bend and Sisters do, so this makes sense to me. The line on the east side of Bend is about where the economic change happens too, so again, this makes sense. Cities like Bend are more and more distinct from towns to the east of us.

Congress Plan B – does not make sense for Central Oregon. Parts of our region are very distinct from Eastern Oregon and should not be attached to these distinct communities. This does not improve things from the status quo like plan A does. Bend is culturally and economically distinct from the towns east of it. The people in Eastern Oregon would not want my city to be part of their district.

As for the House Plans, there is still a lot of work to do. We know that the district has grown tremendously and there might be a need to look at other options in how we draw lines in Bend. Deschutes County was and is the fastest growing region in Oregon this past decade and as our community changes our maps need to reflect that. Perhaps considering the Urban Growth Boundary in the next rendition of the maps could accommodate Bend's future growth.

Senate Plan A – This map does an excellent job combining similar communities and providing representative representation, which we did not have under existing Senate district. Redmond will be happier to be paired with Prineville and Madras than with Bend and Sisters.

Senate Plan B – this map would repeat the problems of our status quo senate map with Redmond and Bend pulling in very different directions on issues. Plan A would lead to better representation of each community.

Senate Plan C – Plan A is better than plan C regarding the La Pine area. They are culturally and economically more similar to Prineville, Madras, Burns, or Klamath than Bend and would probably prefer to be drawn with those communities.

Thank you very much,

Amy Sabbadini