



Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Joyce Waring and I am a PCP and the chaplain of Central OR Federation of Republican Women. Both my husband Steve, also a PCP, and I reside in Congressional District 2.

We are writing to express our deep concern about the proposed redistricting submitted by the Oregon Democratic Party, as shown in Plan A. It seems the perfect example of gerrymandering, as defined by **Merriam-Webster**.

Definition of gerrymandering: *the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage in elections.* The Oregon Democratic Party already has a super-majority in the state and are seemingly trying to marry conservative voters with the liberal democrat voters in the I-5 corridor west of the Cascades. This silences our voices in central and eastern Oregon and we want our votes to count as well! Plan A splits Bend and Redmond, even though they are contiguous. It also does not recognize the natural boundary of the Cascade Mountains another guideline found in Oregon law for redistricting.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Joyce Waring

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