

My name is Donna Mambretti. My husband Jerry and I live in rural Azalea and have for the past four years. We are both retired and in our 70's. We moved from California because where we lived was not being represented. We thought Oregon was different. Boy, were we wrong! We have voted each time there was an election in Oregon and always the big cities get what they want. Unfortunately, it affects us in the rural areas. We are quite different from the people who live in big cities. We know where our milk and beef come from. Not from the store. We know where our chicken comes from. It is not from the store. We know where our wool comes from. We know where our pork chops and ribs come from. We live on large pieces of land. Not a plot with a house and little white fence around it.

We don't have the services and shopping those big cities have. We don't want them. That's why we moved to a rural area. Yes. We drive to Grants Pass or Roseburg for major shopping but there are lots of Mom-and-Pop stores and services that we support.

Our communities do not align with the Grants Pass, Eugene, or Cottage Grove communities at all. We have one gas station and one restaurant on the I-5 corridor. We need to support them. They are the "little people" who work hard and bring our community together.

We need Glendale and Azalea to be in the same district. The Azalea residents here share services with the Glendale community, such as the schools – both elementary and high school, ambulance services, medical facilities, community library, local farmer's market, and groceries and the two should be in the same District. Please do not separate us.

SENATE MAPS

Senate Plan B makes the most sense to us. Our current Senator lives in Roseburg and is accessible to all of our rural communities. We all have like interests. District 1 in Plan B keeps all our communities together with like communities and removes us from urban areas like Grants Pass and Coos Bay. Most ranchers and farmers live in these rural areas of Coos, Douglas, and Curry Counties. It makes sense to have a Senator represent these rural communities without urban influence.

We support Congressional Map B, Oregon Senate Map B and Oregon House Map B. Keep the Glendale and Azalea communities in the same District. These maps do a more efficient and fair job of keeping political boundaries and communities of interest intact and providing a fairer representation to the citizens of our community and the other citizens of Oregon.

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