

Dear Co-Chairs Taylor, Knope, Co-chairs Salinas and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees,

Thank you for taking the time to hear so many Oregonian voices on the vital topic of redistricting.

My name is Spencer Trumm. I live in the Hazelwood Outer Northeast Portland, a little less than a mile from where I-84 and I-205 intersect. I've lived here since the start of 2021, and before that lived in various parts of inner and mid Southeast Portland since I moved here 11 years ago to attend Reed College.

Since 2015, I have worked throughout Multnomah County and the State of Oregon as a community organizer, mobilizing people to help amplify their voices and drive changes that make their lives better. The most common theme I have encountered in the tens of thousands of conversations I have had with Oregonians about making their communities better is the need for responsive and accurate representation. This takes many forms, but it begins with the establishment of fair, contiguous districts that reflect communities' makeups.

Right now, it is clear that while one proposed district alternative--Plan A--is superior to the others for state House, Senate, and Congressional district-drawing, even it needs improvement.

I urge you to go back to the drawing board and improve upon Plan A to create more geographically and demographically logical districts. It is deeply concerning that plan B gerrymanders my current state House district, HD 47, by turning it into a mega-district that encompasses parts of completely unrelated, unlinked neighborhoods--Laurelhurst, Hazelwood, and Montavilla, to name just a few.

Please do more to make sure that our districts accurately reflect our communities and the diverse range of people who live in them.

Sincerely,
Spencer Trumm