

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee:

As an Oregon resident who lives 2 miles north of Sisters in Deschutes County, I object to the House and Senate B Maps because they bisect the Whychus Creek watershed, the Sisters School District, the Highway 126-fed transportation routes, and the Sisters community in general. Why divide this small town? We need to unite geographic populations, not divide them.

I am also very concerned that Map B will further divide us into political factions. I agree with Jamie McLeod Skinner that we need to overcome the urban-rural divide, not make it worse. She believes, and I believe, that we need to see re-districting as an opportunity for going after our common goals. Our needs, such as natural resource solutions, cannot be met by isolating us in rural-only districts. We need both urban and rural advocates. Map A is a better plan for accomplishing that.

Thank you for all the difficult work you are doing.

Sincerely,
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