

Good evening,

My name is Lindsay Berschauer and I'm a county commissioner in Yamhill County, residing in Carlton. I am submitting this testimony as an individual not on behalf of my board of commissioners.

I strongly encourage you to create an independent redistricting commission, made up of citizens across Oregon who represent different political, socioeconomic, geographic and demographic backgrounds and who do not possess the obvious conflict of interest that current legislators have with picking and choosing their own voters. Former Secretary of State Dennis Richardson was passionate about taking the politics out of redistricting and putting the power in the people's hands. He worked across party lines to gather a redistricting taskforce focused on a fair and transparent process that makes sense to Oregonians.

This issue is too important to taint with political conflicts of interest. Please continue the hard work of former Secretary Richardson, his bipartisan colleagues and the many organizations across Oregon focused on transparency in redistricting.

Thank you,

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