

To Who It May Concern,

I request that you consider the redistricting mandate set before you seriously and with compassion. The residents of Eastern Oregon are a unique community that shares values of self-reliance and community action to support our neighbors which are intrinsically different from those of the larger metropolitan areas of the state. When we enter the local grocery store we plan for an extra 10 or 20 minutes because we know we will end up chatting with 2 or 3 people we know. Our communities are small, do not dilute our values and our input to the state by tying us to people from the larger cities. This unfairly silences productive members of our society that bring a diversity of experience that no longer exists in the city. Our children have daily chores feeding chickens, horses, and cows teaching them responsibility. They can chop wood for the house and start a fire safely to heat our home. As they get older we take them along building fence and helping cows deliver calves so they learn to value hard work and have skills that they may support themselves with one day. We need to protect this diversity of life skills before it disappears by fairly drawing lines that maintain representation for our constituents in the state.

I respectfully ask that you put aside the temptation of gerrymandering and support the rural communities of Oregon faithfully.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Neveau, DVM

Sent from my iPad