

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the redistricting efforts. I appreciate the voice of the people in our work, as well, and fully recognize how valuable those voices are to our representative form of Government. and good decision-making. Please enter my emailed comments into the record for testimony.

- *Ultimately, I believe Oregon voters should choose their politicians. Politicians shouldn't choose their voters. It is a conflict of interest.*
- *Considering the effect Covid has had on all aspects of Government services, effective Census data has not been collected to base ANY redistricting efforts, in my opinion. Collecting solid data would create solid decisions for any redistricting efforts-- put into the hands of a nonpartisan, independent commission.*
- *I would ask and seek for a nonpartisan, independent commission to draw the lines to ensure transparency, fair lines and non-gerrymandered districts.*
- *Competitive elections are not only fair to both parties, they are the hallmark of a healthy and mature democracy.*
- *What works in your district, or what doesn't work (thinking if any district includes a "finger" into an urban area).*
- *The current situation makes it difficult, maybe impossible, to achieve fairness without political gerrymandering.*
- *We need a system with a high level of public confidence, and seeking and receiving public comments to make sound decisions creates and nurtures public confidence. Thank you.*
- *"Community of common interest" is constitutional and shall be considered. Constituents in rural communities care about similar things: Natural resource management, land use, crop production, water, livestock production, natural disaster planning, government regulation, taxation and transportation.*
- *Rural district boundaries should not be superseded or overshadowed by larger metro areas.*

Thank you, kindly for your time and attention to get testimony from the citizens of Southern Oregon and HD 2!

Sincerely,
Colleen Roberts