

March 11, 2021

Honorable Members of the
Senate Committee on Redistricting
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Rm. 453
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senate Committee on Redistricting:

It is time for a change in our state. We need to assure that legislative districts provide equal and fair representation of all its citizens in the Oregon State Legislative Assembly.

Unfortunately, Oregon's current system of determining legislative district boundaries has allowed "gerrymandering" and resulted in disenfranchisement, perceived or real, of many citizens, especially rural Oregonians.

The politicians in power have strategically drawn district maps to continue their own party power. The maps have been manipulated to keep political control. This does not guarantee fair representation of the best interests of all Oregonians.

California, Washington and Idaho have independent citizen redistricting committees. It is time for Oregon to do the same.

The strength of Oregon, or any state, depends on its diversity and equal representation of all its people and resources.

Thank you for your work on this important issue and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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