

I would like to speak to the reshaping of CD2 that will undoubtedly happen with adding a new house district to Oregon.

I would like most of CD2 left as is, but maybe the southern part of CD2 that is located west of the Cascades, the Medford area might have more in line with Grants Pass and southwestern Oregon than with the eastern part of the state.

I have lived and taught music in Grants Pass, Salem, and the Pendleton area. I grew up on and now operate a family farm founded in 1891, we are very careful to be good stewards of the land, and at the same time able to produce good quality food, with increasing yields. There is a huge difference between rural needs and urban needs. Rural Oregon needs a seat at the table and has the right to be heard. With the exception of the Bend area, which could go with the Salem area, the area east of the Cascades has entirely different wants and needs. We need the right to farm, the roads and bridges and ports and rail system to transport our Agricultural products, we need protection from criminals who want to dismantle irrigation systems to steal and sell for drugs, we need protection from the drug runners who travel backroads to Seattle to market their poison. We need agricultural research to improve the seed available and the answers to challenges to agriculture. Rural Oregon also has forests that need to be well managed, with fire prevention in place for all our health, a healthy forest products industry. We need a work force that knows how to work, and rural work force needs are different than urban as we can be very seasonal with long hours in some seasons and no hours in others. We need employment opportunities for youth.

Keep CD2 mostly rural. Other than the southwestern part of the district and possibly the Bend area, CD2 should be left as is.

Thanks

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