

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, Committee Members, and all Senators -

My name is Michael S Berry. I am a concerned resident of Oregon CD-4, SD-1, and HD-2. I am a citizen of U.S.A.. I am testifying as an individual. Thank you for the opportunity.

To borrow a phrase: "Voters should choose their politicians. Not the other way around." We voters and taxpayers deserve and I request the creation of an independent non partisan commission to accomplish the task of redistricting.

In Oregon, I understand that a little more than 30% of voters are registered with the political party that holds over 60% of seats in the state legislature. It is likely that this amazing statistic is at least partially attributable to skillful gerrymandering (where politicians choose their voters).

We need an independent non-partisan commission to accomplish the re-districting process. We deserve no less. Please- let's make this happen.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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