

Please protect our rural communities and our need for our own rural leadership. We are not the Portland Metro area and we need our own leadership that understands the need and concerns of our rural community in Columbia County. Bringing large city leadership (such as Portland) would be detrimental to our community.

- . We need representation that reside in our community and that understand our concerns and issues.
- . We are still a resource based economy and not connected to the Portland Metro area.
- . We are a close-knit family orientated community with common interest and issues that are completely different than those of the Portland Metro area.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

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