

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to be vigilant in making decisions on the redistricting efforts in Oregon. I've been involved in local business and politics over the years. As a former elected fireboard member (34 years for Columbia Rescue & Fire), I am aware of the emergency and medical needs of our rural population. There is very little similarity in our way of living vs. urban Portland/Metro!

As a business owner of a marina, I definitely know that this resource based economy and recreation hub in which I live. It relies on good leadership by the various county government agencies. It relies on elected officials that know us and understand us. Because the Metro area has more population, we stand the chance of losing our "voice" our representation in redistricting! We need to keep our rural life intact!

Thank You
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