

To the Oregon Redistricting Committee:

We live in Oregon House District #31. District #31 includes the entirety of Columbia County and slivers of Washington and Multnomah Counties.

There is a reason we moved to Columbia County; it is because we wanted out of the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Some individuals choose to live in the city and some do not. We chose to move to a more rural area. And we LIKE being away from the mess which Portland has become.

This is Columbia County, not Portland, and we are not even within the Portland Metro area. We are part of close-knit rural communities with common interests and different concerns than urban areas. We need representatives who understand this fact, and who understand us and what we care about.

Please consider this as you contemplate just how you proceed with the redistricting process. Please do not bring more of the city into our district. Keep Portland politics out of our County/district.

Thank you.

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