

To the Oregon Committee on Redistricting,

As residents of St. Helens, Oregon in Columbia County, we, John and Diane Warneke, are asking you to recognize the needs of our rural community when you consider redistricting decisions. Our community needs representation at the state level that understands our concerns, issues, and our rural community. We are not connected to the Portland Metro area, and we do not have the same needs, issues, and concerns as the Portland Metro area. Because our current district is rural to meet the needs of rural businesses and residents, it needs to stay rural to adequately represent our rural way of living. We are still a resource based economy.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding of those of us in the rural areas of Oregon.

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