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TO: Co-Chair Bosshart-Davis & Members of the House Committee on Redistricting
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)
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SUBJECT: Argument Against Legislative Redistricting

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept this as my testimony for redistricting in Oregon by the legislature. Secretary of State Shemia Fagen declared that if elected that she would have a peoples committee for redistricting. Shemia Fagan was elected. I do not see any evidence of a peoples committee on redistricting. Shemia Fagan did not keep her campaign promise. This is not a peoples committee for redistricting it smacks of partisan politics!
2. House District #51 was redistricted in 2013. The district was redrawn and a parts of Multnomah County which leaned to the Democratic Party was added to a Clackamas County district. This changed the voting make-up in House District #51. No Republican has been able to win in that district. (*Lori Chavez-DeReimer lost with 48.99 of the vote*).
3. Oregon has a supermajority in the legislative body. Oregon needs a non-partisan committee to redistrict honestly and fairly. There is not any evidence supporting that the redistricting process will be fair and unbiased.

Thank you,


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