

Good afternoon members of the redistricting committee,

I am writing today to express my concern about the delay in the census data needed to do this job accurately as well as the complete distrust that the public feels for both parties. This is a time for ethical work, done with integrity and transparency. I believe an independent non-partisan committee should be formed to do this work if there is any hope of regaining the confidence of the people of Oregon. We need to have a committee that uses common sense and does not allow gerrymandering near the process. I also believe that an extension needs to be granted if the data that is expected to be used, is not actually available.

As far as my area specifically. I have lived in Bend and am now in Prineville. It is night and day. Bend and Redmond are most similar and should be together as their residents live a much more urban life very commonly driven by one and another. Prineville however is much more like its neighbors to the east. Please be logical, keep the constituents from having to drive long distances to meet with their legislators, and towns that are similar and nearest each other together wherever possible.

Thank you,

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