

To the committee: I am a long time resident of Columbia County. I grew up in Vernonia and currently live in Warren. It was brought to my attention that redistricting boundaries could be adjusted so that our small community would no longer be represented as a rural area should be. We are very different from Portland and the Metro area, and we want to stay that way. Many of us consider our area "small town" and "close knit". We do not have the same political views as Portland. We have small farms, livestock and hobbies/recreation that rural living provides. We live a completely different way of life. We have different issues and concerns. That's what makes our community special and "not Portland". We want representation from people who understand our rural way of life. Please don't push Portland ways on this amazing, long-time rural County. Please give us the appropriate, equal community redistricting we deserve.

Thank you!

Michael and Christina Allen