

Article One, section 2 of the US Constitution, and Article Four, Section 6 of the Oregon state constitution give the House the duty of reapportioning representation based on census data.

This is included in the constitution because we want our elected officials to act as our REPRESENTATIVES (hence the title)

Unfortunately, when our elected officers are more interested in subverting a basic tool of democratic representation for their own self-benefit, then as a citizen I have to demand that our state representatives appoint an independent redistricting committee.

It shouldn't be necessary. Drawing and redrawing of electoral districts, should not be about parties or ideologies, It should be about what is right for the people of Oregon. We in the pacific northwest have enough shared values and interests that gerrymandering should be something that happens in other places, not here.

I strongly support the establishment of an independent redistricting committee in Oregon, as has been done in other states. If you look across the aisle and don't feel your colleagues are capable of placing the good of the state over the good of their party, then I would suggest you would also strongly support an independent redistricting model.

Oregon officials have failed the first test, our current maps of the senate and representative districts are evident of that. The members of the house have something to prove to the people who placed them in office. You can go a distance to restoring trust among the voters by initiating an independent redistricting process.

Thank You,
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