

I testified on Saturday but wanted to submit the written version for the record. Thank you.

Greetings, Chairs Taylor and Salinas, Vice-Chairs Knopp and Boshart Davis, and Committee members,

For the record, my name is Marie Bowers, My pronouns are “Rural” and “Farmer” I live in the Coburg area, Congressional District 4, Senate District 6 and House District 11. My family has been farming in Lane and Linn Counties for over 100 years and is located with these districts. I have been engaged with local politics for most of my adult life.

I have testified to this committee before but wanted to follow up on a couple of things. For the record I still think independent redistricting is a must but also wanted to talk about potential solutions for my district.

In my previous testimony I was really critical of my state representative and his priorities but after hearing Representative Marty Wilde basically say House District 11 is Gerrymandered and the lines don't make sense. I wanted to come on the record to thank him for his honesty.

I also wanted to highlight some of things I thought could happen to improve house district 11. My bottom line is either Make HD 11 a University of Oregon/Eugene District or Make it a rural district encompassing most of East Lane and part of Linn County.

If you were to draw a “HD 11” that is a University of Oregon/Eugene District I would take the 3 precinct in HD 11 currently that are in East Eugene, add the student housing near Autzen Stadium that is currently in HD 13 and add parts adjacent to those 3 precincts. High rise student housing has exploded around central and south Eugene.

For an all rural HD 11 I would add the areas around Creswell to match the school district boundaries, currently it only includes the city limits. Splitting up a community.

Add All of the Pleasant hill area, In 2010 the lines were drawn to split up this community right down the middle of HWY 58. Some have claimed that it was to draw out an opponent but I don't know that only God knows.

Include the HWY 126 area that is currently in HD 7. It makes no sense to have more than 1 district for those small communities that all identify with the beautiful McKenzie River. This is even more important as they recover from the labor day fires.

If you still need more population I would add Sweet Home and give the northern part of Linn County in HD 11 to HD 15 or 17.

Making these changes would match the goals as set forth in law:

- (1) Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:
  - (a) Be contiguous;
  - (b) Be of equal population;
  - (c) Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;
  - (d) Not divide communities of common interest; and
  - (e) Be connected by transportation links.

Thank you

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