

**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee**  
**Resolution # 2021-001**  
**Regarding Outreach to Rural Communities**

- A. WHEREAS the urban / rural political divide in Oregon leads many rural voters to feel alienated from the Democratic Party;
  
- B. WHEREAS many residents of rural communities do not feel that their interests or needs are being met by the Democrat-controlled state government in Salem;
  
- C. WHEREAS many rural communities receive false and/or incomplete information regarding the actions of Democratic lawmakers as well as the Democratic Party;
  
- D. WHEREAS there are a significant number of unaffiliated voters in rural parts of Oregon;
  
- E. WHEREAS many rural voters share common values with the Democratic Party such as the desire for:
  - i. High quality healthcare;
  
  - ii. Fully funded public schools;
  
  - iii. Jobs that pay a living wage;
  
  - iv. Access to affordable higher education and vocational training programs;
  
  - v. Access to broadband internet services;
  
  - vi. Access to clean air and water;
  
  - vii. Natural spaces that are preserved, protected, and accessible; and
  
  - viii. The protection of constitutional rights to assembly, petition, religion, and speech.

**THEREFORE We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) Resolve as Follows:**

1. We support increased investments in education, healthcare, and job creation in Oregon's rural communities;
2. We support more funding for access to broadband internet in rural regions through the Oregon Broadband Office established by Governor Brown's Executive Order Number 18-31 in December 2018;
3. We support more funding and investment for rural revitalization in the wake of the 2020 wildfires; and
4. We support long-term outreach efforts to rural voters to address their perceptions of alienation, to solicit input and establish dialogue about their community needs, to highlight our shared values, and to discuss the efforts the Democratic Party has made, and will continue to make, to improve their quality of life.

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