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**From:** Al [acarriere@montanasky.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 6:52 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Lake County

I live in Polson Mt, Lake County.

Depending on the map, Lake county is chopped into portions of 5-7 districts. It looks like you are cutting up lake county to make other districts whole. How about making Lake county whole? Reduce the number of districts that include portions of Lake County. Three would be a nice number.

Al Carriere

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**From:** Mary Hensleigh [mjhensleigh@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2012 12:21 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comment

I am in favor of the redistricting proposal that would include Whitehall with the Butte-Silver Bow District. I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 27th but will attend the meeting in Helena on the 28th. Change is not a four letter word and I applaud your efforts.

Mary Janacaro Hensleigh  
Mayor Of Whitehall

Dear Chairman Regnier,

I urge you to resist the clear intention of the Democrats to continue the gerrymandering of Montana's legislative boundaries. To go forward with the existing or communities proposal simply ignores the criteria adopted and fails the very system of how representation was intended to operate under our state Constitution. The community proposal in particular is an example of what should never be done, with respect to redistricting, since it's an obvious attempt to use political data and election results.

The map proposals, (urban-rural, subdivision) created by the non-partisan legislative staff complies with the criteria that is consistent with; communities of interest, equalizes the number of people in districts, meets the compactness requirement and avoids the manipulation attempt by partisan politics. These proposals also discontinue the urban control of suburban and rural areas, and the inconsistent application of deviation.

Thank for your efforts and listening to we the people of Montana. To have a map that favors the Democratic party and their political purpose and agenda is not in the best interests of all Montanans.

Sincerely,

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Dear Montana Reapportionment Commission,

Chouteau County is currently split into three different house districts despite being far under the number of people for one House district. We know that a small part in the northeast may have to go to another House district, but we urge the commission to keep the rest of the county whole if at all possible. Our county is our community.

I have heard that the Montana Democratic Party is up to the same old tricks that it did last time when it gerrymandered the best map it could make for their party. I don't see how this is even possible given the fact that using statistics and election data is not part of the Commission's criteria. If it's not already, this practice should be illegal! Please reject maps that use these methods and make the criteria you developed the way you judge plans.

I hope the Commission will truly take into account the public's input into the process.

Sincerely,

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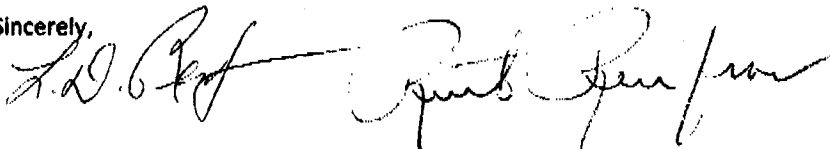
Members of the Restricting Commission:

It has come to our attention that there are currently proposals for new legislative boundaries that have used the election results to draw lines. I ask you, is this the way Montanans work?

Current maps split not only counties.....but cities. These maps are set up to delineate areas where there is a majority of Democratic voters, which gives the Republicans a disadvantage. This has an overtone of dishonesty. I urge you not to adopt maps that would in any way look like the existing ones. There are maps being submitted by local communities, which would have a more forthright approach to drawing the boundaries, and we ask you to review them and give them honest consideration.

Thank you for your time and dedication to making Montana a proud, honest and forthright state; one where we can all say we run a government of which we can be proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L.D. & Ruth Renfrew". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

L.D. & Ruth Renfrew

March 11, 2012

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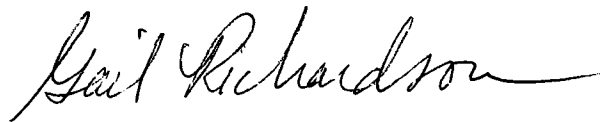
I totally support the Communities Plan for our state re-districting process. This plan not only meets the mandatory criteria, but it reflects the diversity of our state's population and interests and seeks to create fair and competitive districts. This is so important! So much goes into drawing legislative boundaries, so it must be done right for all citizens to ensure full participation. Communities of interests should be kept intact. This plan considers such crucial elements as: urban, suburban, rural and neighborhood interests; trade areas; geography; communications and transportation networks; media marketing; social, cultural and economic interests.

Protection of our constitutional right of one person, one vote is paramount, thus population equality is of utmost importance. Minority voting rights for our American Indian citizens and others must be respected. Things like functional compactness and contiguousness are also necessary components of the successful plan, again to ensure full participation.

There must be fairness and balance in our political and geographic boundaries. Elements like counties, cities, towns and school districts should be kept intact. We Montanans deserve a legislature that reflects our diversity not a re-districting plan that allows for a single party to dominate the legislative process. You owe it to all Montanans to come up with the best plan for all; the Communities Plan is by far the best.

Thanks for considering our input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Richardson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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Last evening I attended the commission meeting being held in Missoula, Montana. I sit through the two and one half hour session. I would like to say it was well conducted. Here are my comments on what I heard and seen at the meeting.

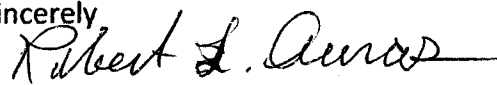
Most of the people speaking had one main concern in giving the dissertations They all wanted to have their one ballot to count as a full representative of their feeling and wishes as to who would be their elective official. This is called governing from the ballot box.

Now it is your responsibility to put this action into operation in the most fair way that it can be set up for the voting public.

I would like to see the new districts set up using the city streets and county roads as the main lines used to arrange these districts. When you vary from this process it begins to make a person wonder why they are not sufficient.

Please use this in your consideration of redistricting our communities.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Auras

Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

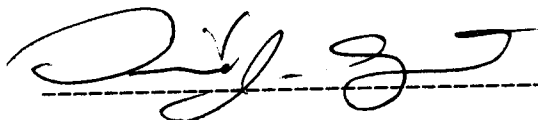
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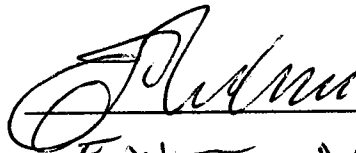
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To the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am ardently opposed to the commission using maps that rely on political data and election results in legislative redistricting. This is a shameful practice and it goes against everything in our constitution about transparency and open government. It's almost as if the Montana Democratic party believes it has to rig election results in order to have a shot at controlling the legislature.

In the last redistricting cycle, deviation was used in a way to benefit Democrat and urban areas while it hurt Republican and rural areas. Also, the commission totally ignored much of the rest of the criteria in favor of a map that relied on political data to draw legislative lines. This approach should be rejected.

Richland County is just around the perfect size for a House Seat within the 3% deviation. Counties are communities of interest, so we urge you to make things simple by using the county line as the legislative line.

If the commission sticks with the criteria it adopted, I believe you will come up with something that looks a lot more like Montana.

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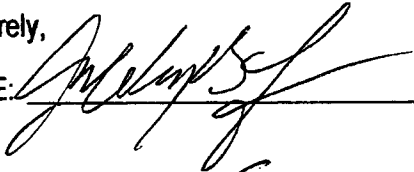
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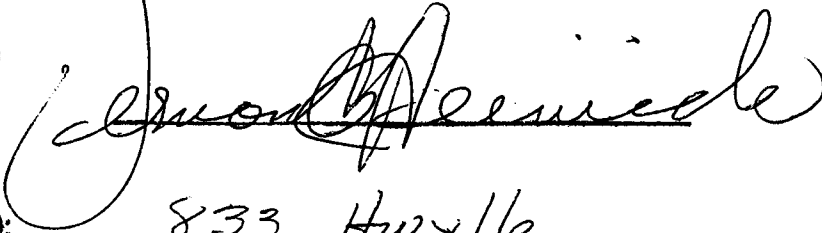
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**From:** Don Holmquist [mtcardinal@bresnan.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 10:39 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** The redistricting opportunity

Abolish all partisan involvement. Establish districts that reflect natural boundaries and communities. The way it has been is akin to allowing a high school team to bring in a player from far away to play on "their team". You can do this relatively simply. If an area is resided in by a minority, it will usually elect a minority representative. If an area is diverse, ditto. Keep the districts intact for 10 years and then reexamine and adjust WITHOUT partisan regard. Our current and past designs have been abject failures. Get this right and it will go a long way to end this ridiculous redrawing charade. Eliminate partisan influence or we get more of the same again and again. It can be done. Thanks, Don Holmquist,  
Helena

## Weiss, Rachel

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**From:** gailzimmer@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 5:12 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

To the Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I want to publicly state that I am extremely tired and sickened by politics that favor one side over the other, in particular when it comes to redistricting. I am for fair and balanced elections that represent the voters of Montana; we vote to elect officials that represent us not their self-interests. I understand that Montana's current redistricting commission has adopted criteria that are part of our state constitution, along with additional criteria that will be helpful in developing legislative boundaries that will reflect Montana values. I believe those criteria should be used in determining compact and contiguous districts that include population equality, protection of minority voting rights, respecting existing political subdivision lines, communities of interest and traditional neighborhoods.

I strongly encourage the commission to stick to these criteria and establish districts on a fair, balanced and neutral approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely  
Gail Briese-Zimmer  
Helena MT

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**From:** John\_Joan Wagner [jjwagner1@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:42 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Gerrymandering

Please be advised that I am opposed to gerrymandering boundaries just for the sake of political gains by the DemoRats.

John Wagner  
Missoula

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**From:** Kyle Jackson [kajjackson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:35 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** redistricting

Hello, I live in Bozeman and I would like to put in my two cents worth.

Please redistrict the state fairly, according to population density. It is essential that everyone's vote be equal.

Kyle Jackson  
Bozeman

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**From:** Denise Moore [denisemoore@montana.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:00 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Input re Draft Maps / Missoula County

Thank you, all, for the extraordinary effort and thought that you and your staff members have been putting into this important project.

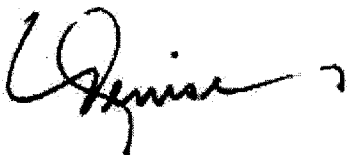
I attended last night's Public Input meeting held at the University of Montana, and in respect for your time and because of the ever-growing line of individuals wishing to speak, I instead opted to submit my comments by eMail.

As a resident of the City of Missoula, of course my primary concern is within my own community. As I studied the mandatory districting criteria, and reviewed the five currently available draft maps, it became clear that the map that best fits the key criteria of compact and contiguous districts is the **Urban Rural Plan**. This plan also respects the discretionary criteria of following geographic boundaries while keeping communities of interest intact. When considering that legislative representatives are elected to, well, represent, I believe it is vitally important that the establishment of these districts take into account the value of the commonality of interests of the constituents within.

The plan which least adheres to the above mentioned criteria is the Communities plan. This plan blatantly ignores the discretionary criteria of keeping communities of interest intact by purposely forcing urban centers into oddly shaped and meandering districts that also would serve suburban and rural constituents (each, naturally, with considerably different needs and concerns). In addition, it fails to satisfy the mandatory criteria of compact and contiguous by creating what appears to be a junction of 7 districts or so in the heart of the city of Missoula, creating bizarre geographic and community tracts. This plan contradicts the intention of the mandatory criteria by packing population-stable, largely property-owning outlying rural areas with urban, more transient/mobile voters.

Thank you for taking the time to consider all of the varying opinions surrounding legislative districting and apportionment. I'm looking forward to learning more of your progress in the coming months.

Respectfully,



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From: Randy Turner [sonwestdesigners@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:28 PM  
To: Redistricting  
Subject: Redistricting Considerations

*Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,*

*I realize it must be a tough task to equitably redraw district lines for the Montana Legislature. I also know why partisan influences and special interest groups want to have proposals that gerrymander based on how people vote in certain areas. Doesn't that go against the criteria you adopted? Montana should not follow the examples of other states that allow one political party to draw districts that help them in elections. You should reject those kinds of maps.*

*There are at least a couple of maps up for consideration that seem to follow your criteria. I think the subdivision 100 map is a good approach since it seems to keep many counties and towns together when possible.*

*I think the urban-rural 100 map is also a common sense recognition of the differences between cities and rural areas in Montana.*

*Allowing any party to have a map that draws lines to help them is wrong. Please do not consider the "community" proposal as unbiased.*

*Thank you for listening to my comments,*

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*Serving together,*

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***" For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,....." Romans 1:16***

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**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** re-districting

Dear Commissioners:

It is imperative that when redrawing the district lines that the Commission hold to the criteria as outlined within our State Constitution. Districts should be compact, include contiguous districts, protect minority voting rights, respect existing political subdivision lines, maintain communities of interest and traditional neighborhoods.

The job of the commission is draw the district lines per our constitution, and to protect our Montana heritage of fairness.

Please do not re-district the lines in such a way that would provide one political party an advantage over another. Justice is blind, and redistricting should be structured the same way, the Montana way.

Sincerely,

Sen. Rick Laible (retired)  
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**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** suggestion

My name is Josh Hennes, I spoke briefly at the commission hearing/meeting on Tuesday, March 13th in Missoula. I am a Republican candidate for House District 89 and redistricting is important to me. I personally benefit from the current map. I do however see the partisan effort and effect that is in place. The current map was written by one political party (Democrat), and the "communities" map resembles it immensely. I would not be surprised to hear that the Democrats are as opposed to a map they feel benefits the Republicans as much as the "communities" benefits the Democrats. I am writing to share a solution that is as bold as it would be effective. I believe that the citizens should benefit most from redistricting, more than the Republicans and more than the Democrats. My solution would be to present the four new maps to both parties, the Montana Republican Central Committee and the Montana Democratic Central Committee, to choose one map to remove from consideration. Yes, I said remove! Most people are more honest on how an idea can benefit someone else over themselves, so let them each choose the one that benefits the "other" party most. This would ensure that the two most partisan and politically driven maps are removed from consideration, resulting in the two most equitable being considered by your commission. I feel that the citizens would appreciate the non-partisan results.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Josh Hennes  
[joshhennes.hd89@yahoo.com](mailto:joshhennes.hd89@yahoo.com)  
406-369-3986

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** gary sanders [sandersoh6@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 17, 2012 10:50 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Cc:** sandersoh6@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I think it is about time we streamline the districts. Simplicity and efficiency is the key to success. The districts need to be formed by neighborhoods and main arteries, not by political ambition. KISS (keep, it, simple, stupid)

Regards Gary "Tink" Sanders candidate for HD 97

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Vicky O'Hara [vickyohara63@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 2:29 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** need fair redistricting

To whom this may concern:

I like solutions and sense the redistricting seems to be broke and needs to be fixed, this is the solution. Remember the show "Do you know more than a fifth grader?"

I believe our students in our schools should decide the redistricting boundaries. This would be great for math, mapping, geography and spelling.

Give these students no "R" and no "D"s to work, just good old population numbers and maps. I bet they could better put together districts that make good common sense than the "adults". Thank you, Vicky O'Hara

## Weiss, Rachel

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**From:** Lark Chadwick [larkwick@blackfoot.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 4:34 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Cc:** ledger@blackfoot.net  
**Subject:** Open letter to the Redistricting Commission

To Redistricting Commission:

All this back and forth over re-districting is a political distraction contrived by members of the phony "two-party" system, dividing up the state to lessen one group or another's political strength. This is nothing less than disenfranchisement by design, completely defeating the strengths and values of members of our state who are not of those two parties!

And this is being done by a so-called "non-partisan" commission made up of only TWO of the several political parties that exist in Montana! Pretending to be "fairness" in action, it is nothing but fraud.

For example, many past presidential election fields were made of 3, 4, 5 political parties, each reflecting the wishes of its particular constituency. This wealth of difference did nothing to hurt the electoral process. The Republic survived!

But, in the current methodology, only two parties are represented.

When gerrymandering occurs, guaranteeing one party a majority edge in subsequent elections, we then really only have one party. This will not help our Republic survive, and will do more to discourage voters than encourage "participation". Why would anyone try, if they know ahead of time that their vote "won't count"?

The political boundaries of the state districts are already established by the Constitution of Montana, each managed by county commissioners placed there by those who have stake in the outcome of those elections.

County boundaries should be the State Legislative Districts, since those within a county generally have interests in common and a common local government to which they may turn for redress of grievances.

If this is something urbanites don't like, that's too bad; they chose to live where they are. But to deny rural folks their chosen representation by diluting their votes around densely populated urban areas is to deny them the right to lawful, fair representation.

This is no different than the push for a National Popular Vote, which would eliminate the electoral collage that was put in place to ensure low populated states are capable of being fairly represented in Congress!

Gerrymandering around certain populations and voting proclivities - guaranteeing majorities in perpetuity for only two political parties, and therefore fraudulently based - is in direct conflict with our Constitutional guarantee of a Republican form of government, in which the people may fairly obtain a semblance of real representation. "All government of rights originates with the people" - there is no mention of political parties (Art. II Sections 1, The Constitution of the State of Montana).

## Weiss, Rachel

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**From:** palomasolo@blackfoot.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 5:52 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** districting

Howdy!

If your goal is to be truly non-partisan in your efforts, i.e. not giving favors to any particular political party, and since there are several political parties in Montana, the only way possible to district with a blind eye, is to establish house districts to conform to county lines. No matter how many, or few, people live in any particular county, they will then never be at a disadvantage to any other county or group of counties; one county, one vote.

Moreover, since the ballot access is weighted against the so-called "third party" elements, they at least will still have some voice in the house, whether or not they have an elected candidate from their particular party. Of course, this could also be remedied by providing ballot access to all parties and let the people decide for themselves whom they will elect, party or not.

If you find this proposal unpalatable, you just might be tyrants.

Happy Trails,  
Dick Wells, Thompson Falls



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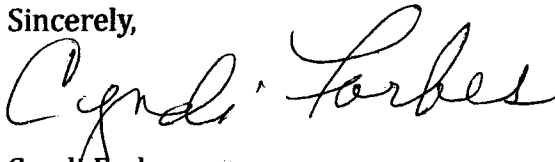
Members of the Commission:

I live in House District 79. This district as configured is not compact as is required under Montana's Constitution.

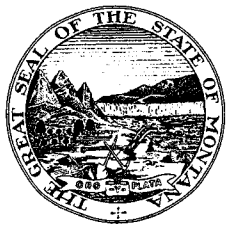
My district would be considerably improved if either the Urban Rural OR the Subdivision lines were adopted. In addition, either would more accurately incorporate neighborhoods similar to the one in which I live. That is an additional criterion the Commission should consider.

What we have now is utterly ridiculous. Be reasonable and intelligent!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cyndi Forbes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Cyndi Forbes  
2526 Heritage Drive  
Helena, MT 59601  
406-443-3219



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## MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dear Chairman Regnier:

Please accept my gratitude for the challenges that you and the other Commissioners have taken on to redraw legislative District lines. I can only imagine the daunting task that you have undertaken, but appreciate your efforts to meet the guidelines to equalize the number of people in each District.

I am writing to encourage you to do what is right for the people of Montana and do not bend to the pressures from any political group and the use of political data such as voting statistics when forming the new Districts. I believe using the mandatory criteria such as population equality with a +/- 3% deviation, compact and contiguous Districts, and protecting minority voting rights as a basis should be pretty straightforward when making your decisions.

Thank you again for the honest work that you are doing for the "Great State of Montana!"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RON" with a stylized flourish above it.

Ron Ehli, Representative HD 88  
Hamilton, Corvallis, Grantsdale

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Trish Auras [trishauras2@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 1:27 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Please do the redistricting in a fair and equitable way.

Trish Auras  
1726 DeFoe St  
Missoula, MT 29802

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** rachel kucharski [myrach2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:32 AM  
**To:** Redistricting

Jefferson County needs to be left alone, you are now trying to mess things up with our voting for political purposes and that is not constitutional in any means! This is not a game! WE are willing to fight this all the way through! Our county is fine the way that it is and unless you can show us a "Constitutional Provision" to eliminate this county, then you better leave it alone!

Regards~

the Town of Cardwell and the Town of Whitehall

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Sandy Carey [carey.sandy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:08 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Jefferson County redistricting draft plan

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am NOT in favor of the draft plan, Jefferson County - Urban Rural Plan, with its proposed plan to redistrict Jefferson County.

The plan which divides Jefferson County into 3 parts is horribly unfair to the people of this county. Our people would be the minority in 2 districts dominated by Butte voters, and 1 district dominated by Helena voters. Jefferson County would literally become a non-entity on the Legislative map.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Chris Carey

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Cheryl Wolfe [kuhlwolf@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:53 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Cc:** MTStateGreens@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comment

It is so unfair to citizens who are trying to work with their fellow neighbors, to have the town and the county split and fractured. Don't split it by the highway, causing some neighbors to be "on the other side of the tracks." Please fix the convoluted boundaries that cannot be described verbally among the people who actually live in the neighborhood—the current map is unacceptable.

The boundaries need to be clear and clean.

Don't split the town or neighborhood.

Please!

Cheryl Wolfe

Cheryl M. Wolfe, CPA  
608 16th Ave E  
Polson, MT 59860  
406-750-6668

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Robert Dwyer [rfdwyer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2012 1:32 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Butte-Silver Bow redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

Butte-Silver Bow has dramatically different interests from Jefferson County or Granite County. We live with the Berkley Pit in the middle of our town. We have a combined city/county government. We sponsor and enjoy the Montana Folk Festival, Evel Kneivel Days, and St.

Patrick's Day. Neither of the counties adjacent to Butte-Silver Bow share in our lifestyle, interests or concerns.

I want Butte's legislators to reflect Butte's concerns, interests and priorities. I do not want them distracted attempting to weigh the concerns of my community against the concerns of other nearby counties with completely different priorities.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly oppose the so-called "communities" plan presented by commissioners Lamson and Smith. As proposed for Butte-Silver Bow, their plan is not about my community, but about dividing my community and mixing us in with areas with which we have little to nothing in common.

I prefer the subdivision plan, or the urban-rural plan, or even the deviation plan. Any of those plans better maintains the integrity of Butte-Silver Bow and keeps my community's legislative delegation together.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Dwyer, III  
106 Country Club Lane  
Butte, MT 59701

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** flyingd@q.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2012 11:10 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Letter submission

Letter to redistricting commission:

I would like to thank you and the legislative services division for coming to Missoula on March 13 of this year. You have a very difficult job and as I remarked during the public comment, until everyone is not happy, your job will not be complete.

That being said, I would like to reaffirm some of my remarks and expand on others I did not have time to make. I certainly don't expect you to remember each and every submission and would like to speak to some ideas that will not be part of your mandate and some that will be.

First, as I attempted to do, probably not well, was to explain what I have observed in Missoula County these past numbers of years. In the 1950s and the 1960s we had a fairly stable representation of both parties. By that I mean, house and senate seats may have moved between parties depending on the issues of the day and the candidates, but the split between parties was pretty constant. That continued till the redistricting resulting from the 1990 census. Since that time, nine of the ten districts have been occupied by democrats. These races almost always have been won by a 60% to 40% margin. There were some outlier elections but never won by republicans. The democrat candidates were never in danger of losing an election in those nine districts. There is one and only one reason that this occurred, gerrymandering. Each of those nine districts had, at their core, a single distinguishing characteristic. They all radiated from the city core, which, even in the years prior to the nineties, had heavily democratic voting patterns. As I stated, at your meeting, if those patterns since the last redistricting occurred were an indication of the political leanings, then I have to admit I believe Missoula should have more Republican representation. Now I know this is not in your mandate but it should be.

For this reason, I am opposed to the "Communities" map, as it approximates the existing map, almost to a "T". The shapes have changed, the numbers have been moved around, but the maps are nearly identical. I can only assume that the plan is intended to keep the status quo in Missoula. Again, nine districts radiate from the deep center of Missoula, where again, the voting patterns are distinctly democrat at a nearly sixty to forty margin.

For these reasons, I favor the "Urban-Rural" map. It fits well with your constitutionally mandated theme of "contiguous and compact". The "Communities" map does not.

We heard much testimony from the democrat elected officials about competitive races and the theory of how competition made for good races. If you were to look back at these "competitive" races you would find in the definition of competitive races in Missoula, means the democrats win nine seats every time.

In closing, if the "urban-rural" map or something close to it is not your choice, almost any other map would be better for Missoula than the communities map is. Missoula would continue to be used as an



**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Lee Bruner [lee@prrlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2012 1:38 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** FW: Butte-Silver Bow redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

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I want Butte's legislators to reflect Butte's concerns, interests and priorities. I do not want them distracted attempting to weigh the concerns of my community against the concerns of other nearby counties with completely different priorities.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly oppose the so-called "communities" plan presented by commissioners Lamson and Smith. As proposed for Butte-Silver Bow, their plan is not about my community, but about dividing my community and mixing us in with areas with which we have little to nothing in common.

I prefer the subdivision plan, or the urban-rural plan, or even the deviation plan. Any of those plans better maintains the integrity of Butte-Silver Bow and keeps my community's legislative delegation together.

Sincerely,

Lee Bruner  
1200 W. Platinum St.  
Butte, MT 59701

## Weiss, Rachel

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**From:** Ron Erickson [nancron@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2012 2:28 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

To Commission members:

From Ron Erickson, SD 47

I attended the hearing in Missoula on March 13 and made a few remarks near the end of the meeting. Here are two other topics for your consideration.

### Pinesdale

There was a great deal of testimony concerning the fact that keeping the Hamilton area intact forces people to travel through one legislative district to reach another part of the Darby district. This is not unusual.

My former House District 64 (boundaries drawn up in 1992) included upper Miller Creek and Bear Run Creek. To get to that area any candidate had to drive through two other house districts to visit with potential constituents. This was of no concern to the candidate and in fact of no concern to the constituents, who, in general, know little of where exact boundaries are located. Those areas had issues that closely mirrored those I discovered in other parts of the District, Pattee Canyon and Deer Creek, which are also outside of the city.

My sense is that Hamilton, a growing city in the county, deserves its own district and that Pinesdale fits well with the other small towns in the lower half of the valley.

### Pattee Canyon

I am concerned about the boundaries in three of the five plans for my neighborhood, Pattee Canyon. Both the Subdivision Plan and Urban Rural Plan split the neighborhood in half. We are a relatively small neighborhood in population, tied together with a neighborhood association and a Citizen's Zoning District (ZD 4, one of the first such districts in the state). There is no good reason to split us up.

Of equal concern is the Deviation Plan which leaves all of Pattee Canyon "on the outside looking in" - that is we are relegated to a non-urban district. But that really is not what we are about - every person in our canyon is closely tied to the city. We work there, shop there, and enjoy all of the entertainment/cultural amenities that Missoula offers. Those facts have been acknowledged in the boundaries for legislative districts for at least the last thirty years and I ask that you reject the new boundaries in the these three plans.

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Mary McLaughlin [mmannieoakley@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2012 6:37 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Butte-Silver Bow

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Sincerely,

Mary J McLaughlin  
580 Little Basin Creek Rd  
Butte, MT 59701

## Weiss, Rachel

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**From:** Terry Murphy [murphter5@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2012 7:36 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Cc:** Scott Mendenhall; Sandy Carey  
**Subject:** Jefferson County & Redistricting

As redistricting the State for the next 10 years proceeds, I wish to point out the situation of my county of residence--Jefferson.

Jefferson County has 10% to 15% more people than the right number for ONE House District. Therefore, it is only right, proper, and fair that Jefferson County have ONE House of Representatives district completely within the boundary of Jefferson County. The remainder should then be attached to a district in a neighboring county with a similar economic and cultural makeup. This would honor the historic principle of maintaining county lines as much as possible, and areas of similar interest as much as possible.

Any plan that carves Jefferson County into multiple Legislative Districts leaving Jefferson County voters as the minority in all of them is completely unfair to our citizens. The people of Jefferson County deserve to have a Representative elected by them to speak for them in the Montana Legislature.

Senator Terry Murphy, District 39

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TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION **MAR 26 2017**  
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Montana Legislative  
Services Division

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If you are going to consider the three discretionary criteria you set up at the beginning of this process, you will understand why none of these proposals make any sense.

- 1.) Following the lines of political units. Jefferson County is about 1,500 people over the ideal district size. Since our existing district is most of Jefferson County, we should start there and make every effort to keep Jefferson County as whole as possible, the remain population staying with its Community of Interest in Madison County .
- 2.) Following geographic boundaries. The Continental Divide separates Jefferson and Butte/Silver Bow Counties. That is a very distinct geographic boundary between our counties that should be respected.
- 3.) Keeping communities of interest intact. Many people live in Jefferson County because they don't want the impacts and influences of urban areas. Most of Jefferson County should be one district, with an area of the county South of Interstate 90 remaining as part of the district that represents Madison County. The Whitehall Elementary and Whitehall High School District both include portions of Madison County. The Jefferson Valley Rural Fire District also extends into Madison County. Kids from Jefferson County participate in 4-H and the Madison County Fair in Twin Bridges. Jefferson and Madison Counties share an MSU Extension Agent. In short, Southern Jefferson County and Northern Madison County are clearly a "Community of Interest", and should remain together.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name

Mike & Ed Peterson

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Thank you for your consideration.

Name Maureen Severino

Address Po Box 270 Boulder, MT 59402

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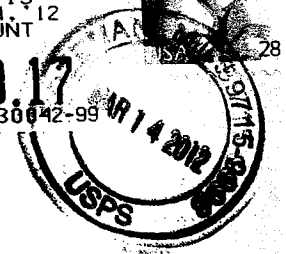
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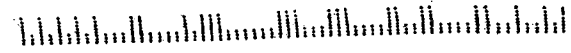
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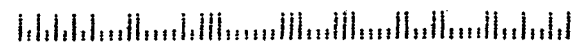
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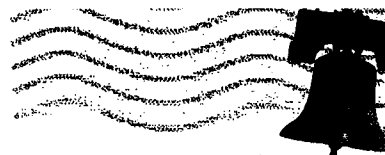
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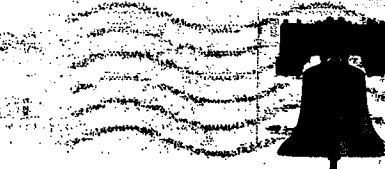
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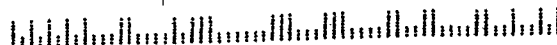
I support the Communities Plan because it:

- Guarantees our constitutional right of one person, one vote,
- Respects existing communities across Montana, including small towns, rural communities, cities, and suburban areas,
- Keeps intact more small towns than any other proposed plan,
- Provides strong protection of minority voting rights, so American Indian citizens can fully participate in our political process, and
- Creates a fair balance so that no one political party gains monopoly control of the Legislature.

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Dear Commissioners,

Please support the Communities Plan for Missoula County. It keeps all small towns intact in the county and recognizes shared urban and suburban communities of interest in the area. The Communities Plan reflects the importance of heavily traveled transportation networks in the region. These transportation networks play an important role in commerce and trade. Like the current districts, the Communities Plan allows Missoula County legislators to listen to diverse interests from within the county, rather than forcing them to narrowly focus on residents from within city limits or solely concentrate on those outside city limits.

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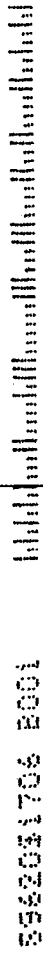
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**From:** Sandy Carey [carey.sandy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:36 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Jefferson County redistricting draft plan

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

The plan which divides Jefferson County into 3 parts is horribly unfair to the people of this county. Our people would be the minority in 2 districts dominated by Butte voters, and 1 district dominated by Helena voters. Jefferson County would literally become a non-entity on the Legislative map.

I am NOT in favor of the draft plan, Jefferson County - Urban Rural Plan, with its proposed plan to redistrict Jefferson County. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Carey

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Suzy Ross [suzyfoss@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 4:00 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting Mt

Commissioners

Please protect my right to be heard in future elections by NOT adopting any maps from any political party or organization! Montana must stand for open and honest elections and that starts with fair districts and no gerrymandering.

Sincerely,  
Suzy Foss  
Ravalli County Commissioner.

Sent from my iPad