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To the Members of the Montana Redistricting Commission:

Our county GIS department and Clerk & Recorder office put forward some very common sense starting points for redistricting in Gallatin County. In addition, the Subdivision and Urban/Rural maps are also good attempts at drawing lines here.

What is not acceptable are two maps based on gerrymandering. The first was introduced in 2000 and is now modified as the "Existing Districts" map. The second is the Montana Democrat Party's new gerrymander for 2010, which is ironically called the "Communities" map. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The 2010 Democrat map totally disregards communities and neighborhoods in the city of Bozeman. Five districts come out of the city into various parts of the suburbs rather than recognizing the difference between urban, rural and suburban. Also, there is at least one district (#65) that is not compact at all, which is against state and federal law. Under no circumstances can that district be described as compact.

The commission has better proposals to work with. It should stick to its criteria rather than starting with a plan that manipulates legislative boundaries for political gain.

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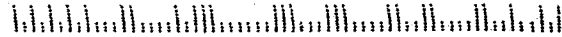
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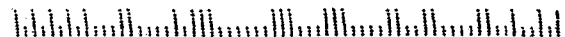
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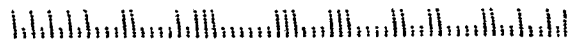




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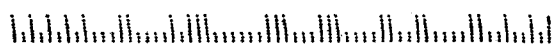
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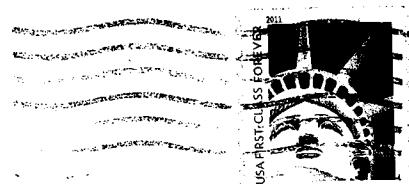
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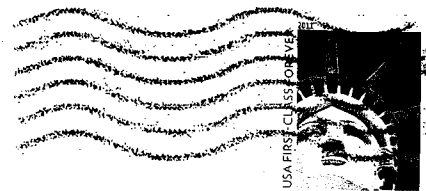
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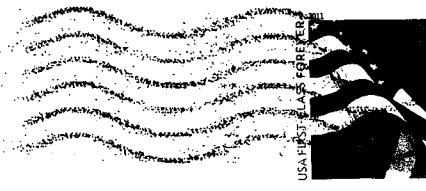
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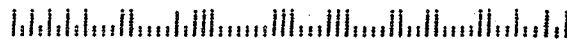


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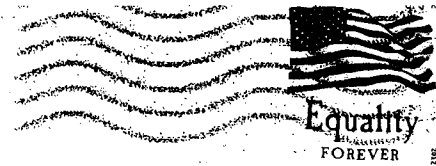
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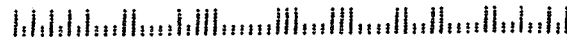
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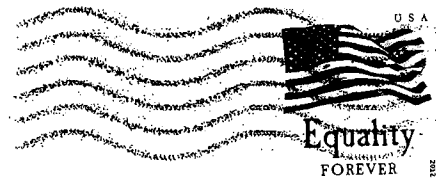
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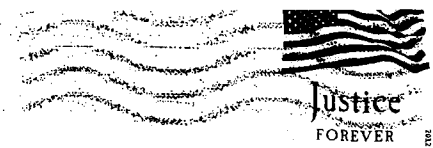
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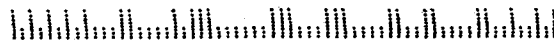
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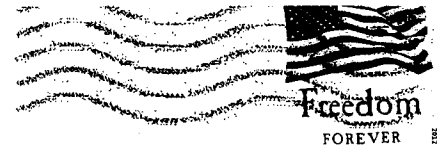
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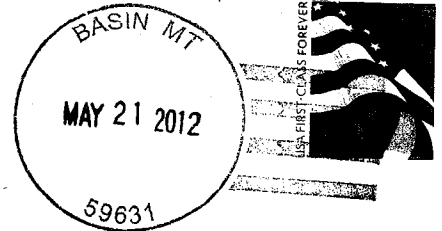
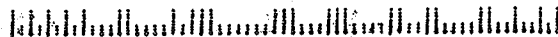
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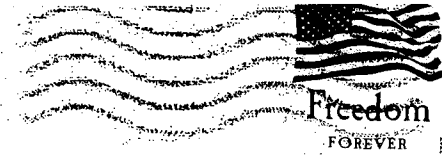
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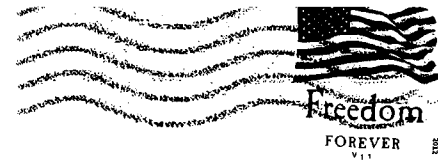
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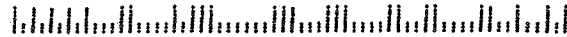
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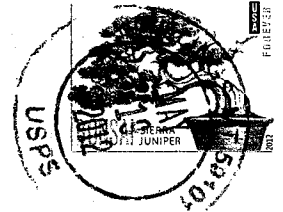
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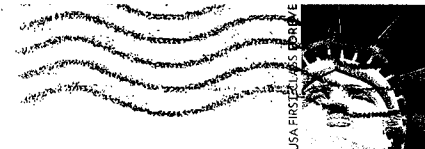
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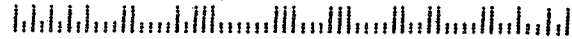
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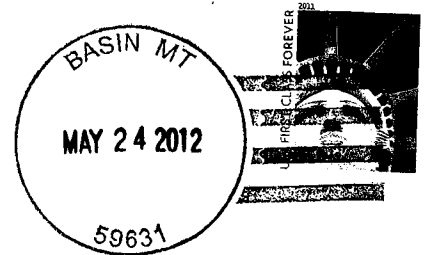
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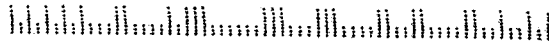
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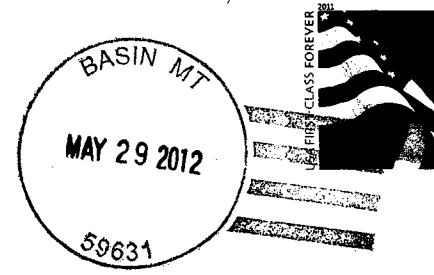
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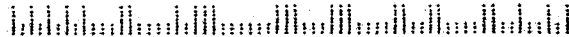
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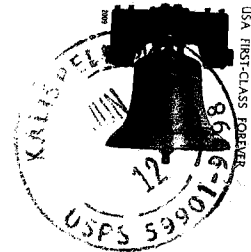
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*One percent or less variation in the size of districts: It's not fair if one representative has to represent 9400 people, and

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*No political data should be used to draw districts. Districts should be drawn to represent people, not partisan politics

*Don't keep the current districts: The current districts divide communities in two, they have wildly varying population sizes

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Subject: Support Communities Plan

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Of the redistricting plans prepared for your consideration, the Communities Plan is best. It splits the least small towns, which are unique and critical Montana 'communities of interest'.

For Polson, Livingston, Four Corners, Glasgow, Ulm, Clancy, Troy, and more, we need the Communities Plan.

The plan manages to do this while keeping districts highly evenly sized, preserving our constitutional right to 'one person, one vote'.

Sincerely,

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Of the proposed legislative redistricting plans before you for consideration, the Communities Plan is the best baseline. It splits notably less small towns (both incorporated and unincorporated) than any of the others, and it keeps the average population deviation between districts to 1.18%. These communities represent critical Montana communities of interest, and they are overall best served by the Communities Plan.

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I support the Communities Plan and encourage you to do so as well.

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Dear Chairman Regnier,

Stillwater County strongly believes it should be kept together as part of one single legislative district. Since the county population is under the ideal district size of 9,984 residents, it makes sense to add a portion of Sweet Grass County and keep Stillwater County in one piece. Also, we urge you to maintain a Senate district with Carbon County, which shares many interests with us.

We understand that there are proposals out there that split our community. One of which is a map put forward from the Montana Democratic Party. This plan used voting preferences and election results as the main driver for drawing lines, and it should not be taken seriously. Any proposal brought forward in such a manner should be suspect.

Counties are communities. When you split them up unnecessarily, you are splitting up those traditional communities we have recognized for 100 years. As such, the best choices to use are the Subdivisions 100 map and the Urban-Rural map.

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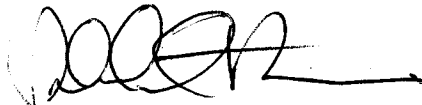
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