TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
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Name

Mary Kelly
Address 5 Kelly Rd, Whitehall MT 59759
Dear chairman and commissioners:
Thank you for the opportunity to speak on the proposed new districts. Boundaries of any district should be set to strengthen democratic accountability and the democratic system. The current system in Missoula undermines both and breeds disillusionment and cynicism. Currently neighborhoods are split up. I would hope that you would follow the spirit of the legislative mandate and adopt the urban-rural map.

The so called "communities plan" is a travesty and undermines the idea of neighborhoods. Political considerations not the interest of the state or the community drove that one.

Sincerely,

Linda Frey
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Missoula, Mt 59803
406 251 2000
Weiss, Rachel

From: TOM ROLFE [tomandjudi@bresnan.net]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Redistricting

Good Afternoon Members of the Montana Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to address your group. Thank you for taking the time to read our note and consider our suggestion.

For the record, we are very involved in Montana Republican politics and have had a deep interest in the state of Montana for many years. Tom Rolfe is a former member of the Montana House of Representatives, serving as a Republican in 1973, before there were single member districts. Tom represented both Park and Gallatin Counties at that time. Currently we both serve as Republican Precinct Committee representatives.

We are now residents of Lewis and Clark County and continue to be very interested in Montana politics and the make up of the Montana Legislature.

It has come to our attention that one of the proposed 'maps', the "Communities Plan" has been presented by Mr. Lamson on behalf of the Montana Democratic Party. We do not believe that redistricting for the next 10 years should be dictated by ANY political party, Democrat or Republican.

The map which this political party is supporting, appears to us to manipulate district lines based on people's voting preferences to help reinforce that the Helena Valley be left outside the city limits and is much different than those lines in town, which we believe should have at least one house seat of it's own.

What we are MOST concerned about is that there is a proposed 'plan' put forth by the Democratic Party. To the best of our knowledge the Montana Republican Party has not submitted a 'plan' that would 'favor' their voting interest. Redistricting should not be a partisan matter, but should carefully take into consideration all Montana voters and the communities they live in. It appears to us that the Democrat map is weighed heavily in favor of what they know to be their voting blocks.

We appreciate very much the work that your Commission is doing. In the interest of fairness to all Montana voters we would ask you to seriously take a look at the map that has been proposed by the Legislative Services Division, one that appears to be more balanced and non-partisan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom and Judy Rolfe
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Name     Jane Wimer

Address   PO Box 475    Whitehall, MT 59759
Weiss, Rachel

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Sincerely,
Sandy Carey

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From: Weiss, Rachel [mailto:RWeiss@mt.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Sandy Carey
Subject: RE: Jefferson County redistricting draft plan

Dear Ms. Carey,
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Name: Bruce and Gwen Graessler
Address: PO Box 687, 83 Capp Lane, Whitehall, MT 59759

So B/SB has lost population? Hell, brother! So they want to swipe off Jefferson County, what arrogance! Most of Butte doesn’t even know where Whitehall is, or care.
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Name  Larry Feight  
Address  P.O. Box 556 - 677 Hwy 2 East  Whitehall, MT

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Name KELLY STODD
Address PO BOX 1781 BOULDER, MT 59632
Dear Commissioners:

I was unable to attend tonight’s public hearing in Butte, but would like to have my comments added to the public record.

I encourage the Commission to support the Communities Plan.

I have lived in Dillon for 25 years and have been both a candidate and a campaign manager for SD 36 in two versions of the district. The senate district will be large no matter how the boundary is drawn. The Communities Plan does the best job of keeping communities with common economic, social and cultural interests and values in the same district.

The Communities Plan keeps the Beaverhead County house district more compact, and the community of Twin Bridges has more in common with Dillon than Dillon does with Butte. In the Subdivision Plan, the Beaverhead County house district would stretch from the stateline at Monida to Butte - a distance of around 125 miles.

In both the Subdivision Plan and the Urban-Rural Plan, the Madison County house district cuts into Gallatin County in two separate places, north of Big Sky - cutting right through the middle of Gallatin Gateway - and also south of Big Sky to pick up West Yellowstone. The majority of the population in Madison County lives in northern Madison County, so it makes more sense to include Three Forks, or part of Gallatin County to create a house district. This would allow a legislators to have a reasonable opportunity to get around the district.

I encourage the Commission to consider keeping Beaverhead and Madison Counties together as a Senate District because the two counties are similar. If the Subdivision Plan became the map, a senator would have all of Beaverhead and Madison Counties, part of Butte, West Yellowstone, and half of Gallatin Gateway. This would be an incredible district to cover geographically, and include many disparate constituencies.

The Communities Plan is the best plan for keeping the rural communities of southwest Montana interests intact. Increasing urbanization in Montana further isolates and marginalizes rural interests. I urge the Commission to support the Communities Plan.

Thank you,

Louise Bruce
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For Lewis and Clark County, the "communities plan" should be adopted.

This plan, more than all others, supports "one person, one vote" principles. It does not split communities. It will require candidates to fight for election from the districts which will be more fairly divided than under other plans. The "communities plan" will not result in one party gaining dominance by reason of a skewed districting.

Thank you for implementing the "communities plan" in our county.

Sincerely,
Bob Adams
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Helena
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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I am writing in support of the Communities Plan for a number of reasons. But most importantly to me is the fact that it guarantees our constitutional right of one person, one vote.

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