

TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION  
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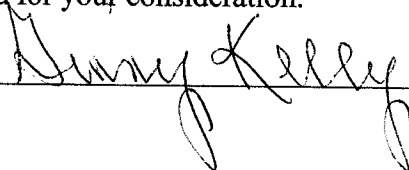
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Address 5 Kelly Rd. Whitehall, MT 59759

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Webmail Ifrey [lfrey@bigsky.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2012 12:50 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** comment on plans

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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406 251 2000

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** TOM ROLFE [tomandjudy@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 Precince Committee represenatives.

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,  
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**From:** Sandy Carey [carey.sandy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2012 4:55 PM  
**To:** Weiss, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Jefferson County redistricting draft plan

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

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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,

Thank you for your comments. They will be copied and distributed to all of the commissioners. They also become part of the commission's permanent public record. Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions.

Sincerely,

Rachel Weiss  
Legislative Research Analyst  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:36 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
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Name Bruce and Gwen Quersell

Address PO Box 687, 83 Capp Lane, Whitehall, Mt. 59759

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Name Larry Feight

*Suey Zha*

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*this would be a huge injustice to put Jefferson County with Butte/Silver Bow. If Butte doesn't have the population for 4 seats it should not be Jefferson County's responsibility to give them one.*

*Suey Zha*

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*Evelyn Ellis*

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Dear Commissioners,

Montana Legislative  
Services Division

As a resident of Jefferson County, I am totally opposed to having Jefferson County split up for the benefit of Butte/Silver Bow County. Each of the four plans submitted by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission and the plan submitted by the Democrats on the Commission all put some portion of Jefferson County into Butte/Silver Bow County. This is simply unacceptable.

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.

- Please read as is*
- 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.

Jefferson County is located between three large urban counties, Lewis and Clark, Butte/Silver Bow, and Gallatin. It is important that we keep our own district so that we can maintain our proud identity. Please keep Jefferson County as whole as possible and allow a portion of Southern Jefferson County to remain with their "Community of Interest" in Northern Madison County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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