

Weiss, Rachel

From: Regnier, Jim
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 9:05 PM
To: Mike Lang
Cc: Weiss, Rachel
Subject: RE:

Mr. Lang; thank you for your interest. I have also forwarded your email to the other Commissioners. Your comments will be part of the public record.

From: Mike Lang [nasml@itstriangle.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 7:05 PM
To: Regnier, Jim
Subject:

Dear Mr. Reigneir,

In my travels in business and my candidacy for HD 35, I find that the Montana's in Blaine, Phillips and Valley would like to have the county lines be the legislative districts, especially on the north and south county boundaries.

The cities of Glasgow and Malta want to be in the northern districts, where they are currently located, but would like to have their neighbors and families of southern Valley and Phillips counties included in a north south district.

May you have divine wisdom in your decision making on redistricting Montana.
Thank you working on the Montana legislative redistricting.

I anxiously await your plan to be submitted to the 2013 legislature.

"I Like Mike"

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Candidate for House District 35
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From: Ciche Pitcher <ciche@skidiscovery.com>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Re-Districting

Dear Districting Office,

As a citizen and a business owner in Granite County, I am very much in favor of a re-districting that separates Granite and Deer Lodge counties and aligns us with Powell County. I was raised in Anaconda. As I know live in Philipsburg, it is easy to see that the priorities and needs of the two counties are different and that it would be difficult for a single representative to represent both constituencies at the state level. In general, I believe that this dynamic would be positive for the state legislature since it promotes moderation and cooperation across party lines. However in our district, Granite County is significantly less populated than Deer-Lodge County and frequently we feel that the representatives in our district do not adequately represent the people of Granite County. Since the majority of their electorate resides in Deer Lodge County, the representative usually will instead side with this majority and work to satisfy the wants of Deer Lodge County.

I feel that the proposal to re-align the districts combining Powell and Granite Counties would significantly improve the representation of Granite County residents at the county level. Although there remains diversity in the proposed districts voters, the populations are much closer in size and we would expect the votes of Granite County residents to be less diluted, and our needs to be more strongly represented at the state level.

Thanks for considering my opinion in this matter,

Ciche Pitcher
VP Discovery Ski Area

Richland Co. Disaster and Emergency Services

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WE MITIGATE - those dangers we can
WE RESPOND - to those events that occur and

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WE PREPARE - for those dangers we cannot eliminate
WE RECOVER - from those events we survive

Aug. 9, 2012

To: Districting Committee

I understand the Districting Committee is once again looking at the districts and considering redistricting.

It is in the best interests of Richland County and its citizens that either the district(s) are kept the way they are currently or that Richland County should be a standalone district. Splitting our County into even more districts would not be in our best interests.

Richland County and the public services continue to be heavily impacted by the oil industry development in our area.

We need a strong unified voice to address the County's concerns and issues during the Legislative Session.

I also have to question why again the committee is made up of people from the Helena / western Montana area? And what if any knowledge they have of the rest of the state, if this is for the good of the whole state then maybe the whole state should be represented?

Sincerely,

W.C. (Butch) Renders
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Henry H. Harrison
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I am writing to express my very strong objection to further redistricting of Montana.

It can do nothing but reduce the representation of Rural Montana (and that's what Makes Montana Montana.)

It is very clear that any efforts to gerrymander district lines serves not good purpose except to garner votes for one party or another.

That is NOT DEMOCRACY at work. That is Tyranny At Work.

Respectfully submitted

Henry H. Harrison

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Judy Birch

jbirch@mt.net via mtgop.org

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I oppose the "Communities Plan" that lumps rural counties with cities.

What happened to the concept of grouping neighborhoods together where the citizens would have similar interest and concerns in common? There's no question that rural and urban concerns differ markedly from each other. We need to hear the concerns of rural citizens and not have their concerns drowned out by so-called "urban" areas.

In redistricting the boundaries need to include, not exclude, communities with common interests.

Judy Birch

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Mary Anne Reid
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"Please oppose the Democrat's "Communities" Plan!"

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Judith Haefner
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"Please oppose the Democrats communities plan as it continues the gerrymandering problem in Montana. We need honest redistricting this time!"

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Wayne Beckman
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"I oppose the Democrat plan to redistrict so rural areas are included in the city district."

Wayne Beckman
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Helena, MT 59601
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Jack Wandler
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"The democratic plan for redistricting should be
opposed. Thanks"

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Bridger Village Apartments
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"Please do not implement the communities
plan in redistricting."

Bret Niedens

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Robert Keiser
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"I am against redistricting by the democrat's that want to put the small towns in with the bigger towns. This I feel this will put an undue burden on small communities as they would not have the representation that they now have.

Please see redistricting for what it is and that is to make the districts better for the Democrat's to get unfair population feed into their policies."

Thank you
Robert R. Keiser
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Joan Andersen
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To Redistricting Committee,

Please oppose the redistricting plan put for by the Democratic Party. The strange way of drawing district lines disenfranchises many voters by forcing them into districts that are outside of their communities.

Joan Andersen

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Mike Barrett
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Redistricting Commission:

Please reject the Democrats Communities Plan.

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Ann LaBrie

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"Please oppose the Communities Plan; I live in a small community and prefer to remain a small community district. If I wanted to be considered part of a larger community (and it's vote), I would live in one. A larger community and mine have different needs; do not take my smaller communities needs away."

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ann A. LaBrie

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Malcolm Long
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"My name is Malcolm Long and I live in Billings, MT and I am strongly against the "Communities Plan" because it is the exact opposite of its name. It will lump rural counties in with cities and will stifle their voice. The democrats gerrymandered the districts ten years ago and want to keep doing more of the same now. Please pass on my feelings to the commission and ask them to not implement the "Communities Plan"."

Sincerely

Malcolm Long

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Wayne C. Stahl
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"PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE COMMUNITIES
REDISTRICTING PLAN TO BE THE NEXT PLAN."

WAYNE C. STAHL

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Gordon Hendrick
hendrickhd14@yahoo.com

To whom it may concern;

Please do not pass the Communities Redistricting Plan, it is gerrymandering at its finest. This plan will cause a division in Mineral County that is unnecessary.

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick HD14

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Sandy Welch
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Redistricting Commission,

Please reject the Communities Plan as it does not represent our communities. Linking our rural areas with higher density areas prevents the rural voice from having strong advocates. Coincidentally, today's paper had an article about how rural areas are getting the Montana economy going. Keeping our representation is critical.

Thank you,

Sandy Welch

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jim jandl@in-tch.com

Please oppose the 'community plan'
redistricting proposal

Thanks,
Jim

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Ron Fick

Rgfick@aol.com

I urge the commission to reject the "communities plan" proposed by the Democrat party in favor of a more unbiased approach.

Ron Fick

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"NO to the "Communities Plan" of re-districting — rural areas need their voices heard!!"

Joy Novota ~~**

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"We oppose the Democrat's Communities Plan of re-districting. We need FAIR legislation by ALL the people!"

Gary & Joy Novota

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Karolyn Simpson
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"Reject the Democrat plan to
gerrymander Montana again."

Karolyn Simpson

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Rex Nichols

"Please oppose the democrats "community" redistricting plan. Gerrymandering should be punished with a prison sentence. These redistricting plans are not honest plans to rebalance the voters. They are invariably "skewed" to give one party an advantage and this kind of politics has to stop!"

*Rex Nichols
Eureka, MT*

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Dwaine J. Iverson
CPA via mtgop.org

Please oppose the "Communities Plan" in the upcoming redistricting meetings.

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Greg Scarff
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I strongly oppose the Democrats "Communities Plan" and this should be opposed by your commission too.

Greg Scarff
Kalispell, MT

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Tom Burnett

The "Communities Plan" seems the wrong way to go in redistricting.

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Tom Burnett

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Sarah Herold
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"Please add my name and my husband's, to the list of those who oppose the Communities Plan. This is not a good thing for rural communities. It must be stopped."

Sincerely thanks,

*Sarah Herold and Kenneth Breidenbach
3734 Bluebird Rd.
East Helena, MT 59635*

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Cory Wengreen
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Please oppose the Democrat's plan (the so-called "Communities Plan") to gerrymander Montana once again!

We do not need the Democratic party telling us how we should run our own state in any form or fashion."

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Doug Kary
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"Please oppose the Democrat plan!"

*Doug Kary
District 48
Montana House of Representatives*

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Marty Wangen
MWangen@mt.gov

"I am opposed to the "Communities Plan" for redistricting. I do not have an alternative to offer but do not wish to see any erosion of the representation of the rural communities by mixing them with cities."

Marty Wangen
Lead Application Engineer
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Ron & Anita Hoyer
rahoye@centurylink.net

"We would like to go on record in opposition to the Democratic plan "Communities Plan". Please add our names to the list of those who consider this to be gerrymandering Montana."

*Ronald & Anita Hoyer
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Kalispell MT 59901
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Rep. James Knox
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"I would like it noted that I am highly against the 'Democrat's Communities Plan' for redistricting. I am in support of realistic redistricting of the 100 House districts as put forth by the Republicans. To me redistricting should not result in one party or another having an unfair advantage but districts drawn in without political consideration. Easily mapped, citizens with similar interests (urban or rural) and so forth as I believe the republican plan does offer."

Thank you,

Rep. James Knox
REPRESENTATIVE JAMES KNOX House District 47
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Redistricting Commission:

Please oppose the Democrat's "Communities Plan" to gerrymander Montana once again! To let the "Communities Plan" go through would manipulate all electoral areas, by altering its boundaries, in order for the Democratic Party to gain an unfair political advantage in our Montana elections.

Barb and Dave Clark
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David Lewis
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"I ask the Commission to oppose the "Communities" plan for redistricting of Montana State House Districts."

Thank You

David Lewis
President
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Sharon Fulton
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"I am opposed to the "Communities Plan"
to gerrymander Montana."

Sharon Fulton
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Loretta Hoines-Dell
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"PLEASE OPPOSE THE DEMOCRAT'S
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THANK YOU

LORETTA HOINES DELL

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Rolland Karlin
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*I oppose the "Communities Plan". Please
do NOT approve it.*

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Rick Ripley
ripleys@3riversdbs.net

Redistricting Commission-

I urge you to oppose "The Communities Plan". Under this proposal the rural vote will be overshadowed by the larger communities. Montana has always had a rural voice, please don't take it away now.

Senator Rick Ripley

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Bob Blackwell
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"Oppose the Democrats plan too gerrymander the redistricting of our state by applying their 'Communities Plan'. Please oppose this!"

Bob Blackwell
Big Timber, MT

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Cary Smith
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Redistricting Commission,

"I am sending you this note to let you know that I am very opposed to the Democrat so-called "Communities Plan". Please do not allow Montana to be gerrymandered again!"

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Cary Smith
5522 Billy Casper Dr
Billings, Mt. 59106

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Roger Nummerdor
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"I am writing to oppose the Community plan as well as the existing plan. It is time to stop the gerrymandering out of Montana voting districts. This is a Republic nation and voters deserve to be represented by a person with the same values as the voters in his/her district."

Thank you,

*Roger Nummerdor
8375 Diamond Springs Drive
Helena MT. 59602*

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LARRY HOUSER
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"Please oppose the redistricting proposal (the so-called "Communities Plan")"

Larry Houser

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Connie Lord
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"Granite and Powell County Commissioners and Central Committees members from both the Republican and Democrat parties want to have Granite and Powell Counties be one legislative district. We share the similar economic and cultural interests as well a common county line boundary. Many people in Granite do business in Powell county. We do not like the Democrat's plan."

Please convey this message to the Redistricting Committee.

Thank you.

Connie Lord
Granite Co. Republican Central Committee
Secretary-Treasurer

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Kathryn Hetherington
kjhetherington@yahoo.com

"Please tell the commission NOT to proceed with the Democrat's plan (Communities plan) to gerrymander Montana again."

Kathryn Hetherington
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Elaine Herman
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"I would like to voice my disapproval of the democrats "communities redistricting" plan for re-districting. If this plan goes in to effect it is nothing less than gerrymandering."

Elaine Herman

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Barbara Rush
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"Please do not vote for the "communities plan". Please follow our state constitution and district according to LAW- districts that have commonalities such as schools and neighborhoods. Redistricting is not to get one party elected."

Barbara Rush
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Helena MT

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Fred Maw III
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"Please oppose the Dems Communities Plan. It's not good for Montana!"

Fred Maw

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Carol Cummings
ckc811@cyberport.net

Dear Commissioners:

I am sending this e-mail request to urge you to oppose the Democrat's "Communities" Plan for redistricting Montana. Gerrymandering is never the right thing to do.

Thank you.

Carol Cummings
Polson MT

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Cele Pohle

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"Powell Commissioners have gone on record and testified that we only support the Granite/Powell County House District because of the common elements of community that we share-timber, ag, small communities etc. WE would like that voice heard when we are represented."

Cele Pohle

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Kathryn L. Johnson
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Please, do not adopt the Democrat's Communities Plan.
It is enabling gerrymandering, which is not in the best
interest of all Montana citizens.

Sincerely,

Kathryn L. Johnson, Montana citizen & voter

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Amy Hanson
sewinfo@billingssewingcenter.com

Dear Board,

I highly recommend that you vote against the Community Plan. That plan is the most ridiculous plan I believe Montana has ever considered. Please vote against this plan.

*Sincerely,
Amy Hanson*

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Stu Pritchard
kodstu@blackfoot.net

*I oppose Democrat's "Community Plan"
of gerrymandering.*

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David Duffy
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"Please tell the commission to oppose the democrats plan for redistricting."

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Dave Duffy

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Barbara Rush
rush720@gmail.com

The "communities plan is nothing more than a continuation of the last two redistricting products that have been defended by Mr. Lamson as "fair" because they were handled in such a way that ensures both parties gain X amount of seats. That is not the way the Montana constitution is written. i live in the middle of a neighborhood in Helena yet the district line for representative runs down my street separating me from my neighbors but putting me in a district that includes people ten miles out in the Helena Valley who have many other concerns then I have with legislation. This is gerrymandering continued and an embarrassment to the state of Montana.

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