

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Phil Barney <barnowitz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 2:12 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Re-districting in Missoula County

Dear Members of the Re-Districting Commission,

Please review the results of the legislative races in Missoula County for the past 8 years . There has not been a single Republican elected in the so-called "pin-wheel" districts since the last re-districting, and very few of the races have been remotely competitive. This has effectively dis-enfranchised at least 40% of the voters in Missoula County. The Republican candidates have worked hard and have been very qualified individuals such as hospital administrators, physicians, university professors and successful businessmen. Yet the inclusion of heavily Democratic precincts of central Missoula in every legislative district has made the elections non-competitive. This imbalance needs to be corrected. Thank you for addressing this difficult problem.

Sincerely, Philip L. Barney, M.D.

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Field, Dawn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 11:35 AM  
**To:** Weiss, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Got a call from Jean Gordon

Rachel - more public comment

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**From:** Hom, Fong  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 11:34 AM  
**To:** Field, Dawn  
**Subject:** Got a call from Jean Gordon

Jean Gordon of Toole County called to voice her protest to the Districting Commission....she has not been able to vote for the people she wants to vote for because of districting. She has to vote for people she doesn't know and feels that her right to vote has been taken away from her. Because of where she lives, she is voting for people who live 100 miles from her. Please convey her concerns to the Commission.

*Fong Hom*  
Legislative Secretary  
[fhom@mt.gov](mailto:fhom@mt.gov)  
406.444.0502

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Mimi and Irv Milheim  
irvin000@centurytel.net

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Irvine G. and Mary M Milheim would like to go on record as being OPPOSED to the Democrat plan for redistricting. As concerned citizens, we feel that house and senate districts should be within natural and sensible geographic areas, NOT political! We hope you will listen to the voice of the people and not those who gain politically.

Districting that makes no sense and drafted to benefit one party over another is but one example of why the American people have lost confidence in government!

Sincerely,

*Mary M Milheim, resident H D 11 & Senate District 6  
Irvine G. Milheim, resident H D 11 & Senate District 6  
Box 135  
Dayton, MT 59914-0135*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Andrew R. Brekke  
arbrekke@bresnan.net

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission:

As you deliberate on how to best draw the legislative boundaries of Montana's House Districts for the next decade, please consider reuniting Havre into one single district. Currently, Havre is divided into two different districts on a North and South axis jogging in and around central Havre. Since Havre's population is very close to the median target population it only makes sense that Havre be combined into one single House District.

Best regards,

*Andrew R. Brekke  
President, Havre City Council  
Chairman, Hill County Republican Central Committee  
518 5th St  
Havre, MT. 59501  
(406) 265-5256*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Barbara Frost  
ciscogma@hotmail.com

"Please oppose the Democrat's  
"communities" plan."

*Barbara Frost*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*fenna klingberg*

*fenna@nemont.net*

*"we do not need redistricting... leave the  
Districts as they are presently."*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Dave Brownell*

*dave.brownell51@gmail.com*

*"I think the Commission should oppose the Democrats Plan to gerrymander Montana again."*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Jean Bennett

jeanbennett@bridgeband.com

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Please do not support/pass the "Communities Plan". My husband and I are strongly not in favor.

Sincerely,

*Jean and James Bennett*

*608 Comet Blvd*

*Livingston, MT 59047*



# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Jeff and Karen Sutton  
suttonjp@midrivers.com

"Please oppose the Democrats' redistricting plan. It is not right nor is it in Montana's interest. In fact, put it all back the way it was 20 Years ago."

*Jeffrey P. Sutton*  
*482 County Road 518*  
*Bloomfield, MT 59315*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Liane Johnson

lsjohnson1958@gmail.com

Ten years ago, Carol Juneau worked hard to separate Cut Bank from Browning because Blackfeet Indians were seldom represented. If Cut Bank ran a well known candidate --- former Senator Glenn Roush or former Senator Del Gage -- these very well like persons were easily elected. Now the proposed plan--Communities Plan-- coming from the Democrats is to move these two communities once again into the same district. This could lose the Indian voice that has come from HD16.

I oppose combining these two towns.

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*Liane Johnson, Member*

*Blackfeet Nation*

*PO BOX 848*

*Cut Bank, MT 59427*

*406-873-1155 - farm*

*406-450-3419- cell*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*mymailisstored@gmail.com*

*"Please oppose the democrats "communities" plan which is a blatant attempt to gerrymander!"*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

James Childress  
miniskunk.jc@gmail.com

I am writing in opposition to the Democrat backed proposed redistricting "Community Plan". It is nothing more than a poorly veiled attempt to seize power for themselves by gerrymandering our state's districts to favor them and disenfranchise the voice of non Democrat voters for the next 10 years. It is vitally important to insure that the plan chosen as closely as possible maintains a fair balance by not giving any one party any preferential control. Please take a stand for voter rights to their equal voice in the state government and reject this plan.

Sincerely,

*James Childress*  
*miniskunk.jc@gmail.com*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*bck67\_99@yahoo.com*

"Oppose the Dem's redistricting plan..not good for rural Montana!"

*Brice Kluth*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Terri Miller*

*purpleserg@yahoo.com*

*"Imperative for the fair representation of all  
Montanans for you to oppose the Dems  
Community plan for redistricting!"*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Tom McElwain*

*tomomcelwain@gmail.com*

*"Please Reject the Democratic Party  
Community Plan. It is a very obvious  
attempt to gerrymander their way into a  
few more seats in the legislature and tears  
common communities apart!"*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Wes Ediger*

*wesleatha@live.com*

*"I am Wesley E. Ediger living at 4020 Wakantonka, Stevensville MT. I oppose the redistricting plan that is on the table. We should be quite happy with what we have now."*



# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*gwold@netscape.com*

*"The commission should not follow the Democratic gerrymandering plan for redistricting Montana."*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Steve Sem  
gr8st8mt@yahoo.com

Dear Commission Members,

I would like to voice my support to your efforts in taking on this huge task. Most of the proposals are workable and follow your mandate to be representative of the constituents in a given area.

There is one, however, that stands out as self serving at best, and Gerrymandering at its worst. That is the COMMUNITIES PLAN. It violates the intent of redistricting by mixing urban and rural voters. This grouping minimizes the important concerns each of these communities bring to our legislative process and does the voters of Montana a disservice.

Please DO NOT give this proposal serious consideration and DO NOT select it as Montana's plan for the next 10 years.

Respectfully,  
Steven R. Sem  
Great Falls

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Dan Burmeister  
danburmeister@gmail.com

"I oppose the Democratic plan for redistricting."

*Dan Burmeister*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Anna Woods

anna\_woods@hotmail.com

"My husband and I are opposed to the democrats plan to redistrict Montana along the "Communities Plan". This just another attempt to gerrymander our state and we are totally OPPOSED."

*John & Anna Woods*

*Billings, MT*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Ron Ehli  
brootldry@montana.com

Commission Members:

It is of the utmost importance for politics in Montana to avoid redistricting plans that gerrymander Districts in a partisan manner. The so-called "community plan" that is before the Commission is just one such plan that should be avoided. Please do for Montana what is expected; clean up the gerrymandered Districts from the last redistricting attempt, and avoid further attempts at gerrymandering districts to benefit one party or the other.

Thank you for your time and effort in restoring political order to the State of Montana.

Sincerely,

*Rep. Ron Ehli HD 88, Hamilton  
Box 765  
Hamilton, Mt 59840  
406-360-5789 Cell  
mtmutt@montana.com*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Ray Shaw  
shaw@3rivers.net*

*To Whom it Concerns:*

*My name is Ray Shaw and I am running for HD71, which includes Madison and part of Jefferson County (Whitehall) south of the Interstate. The House and Senate boundaries for Southwest Montana must remain as they are currently drawn. Look at the Geography of the area and it's agriculture, mining, recreation, hunting tradition, fishing and tourism that make Southwest Montana work. All the citizens in this area get along very well the way it is and I believe all this is really a political move to get Democrats more seats and power in Helena. These boundaries Do Not need to be changed. For the sake of SW Montana and all the great people that live here please leave these boundaries alone.*

*Ray Shaw  
Candidate HD71  
Sheridan, Montana  
shaw@3rivers.net  
406-842-5039*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Boyd Evans*

*boyd.evans@gmail.com*

*Good Morning everyone, I am opposed to the communities plan being put into action. This is not a good plan for the people of the Blackfeet reservation. The people wanting the communities plan forget that it wasn't long ago Cut Bank and Browning were in the same district, the people who vote are not Indian so all of our representatives were non-members. At that time this was not acceptable; so now we have districts where people feel that they are not represented at all. There has to be a way of redistricting where race is not taken into account and everyone feels like they are represented. Thank You for your time and consideration of all material being presented.*

*Rep. Lila J. Evans District 16.*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

lori page

loripage@live.com

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I'm against "The Communities Plan" for redistricting. I think it is an effort to stifle the voice of the people. Please oppose this plan.

*Lori Page*



# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Craig Tilleman  
craig.tilleman@gmail.com

To whom it may concern:

The city of Havre should be included in one district. Chinook should be combined with the northern rural district above US highway 2 they have more in common with that voting group.

Thank You

*Senator Craig Tilleman*  
*craig.tilleman@gmail.com*  
*406.265.7865*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Doug Tapper  
dtapster@wildblue.net

To Whom It Might Concern:

I am opposed to the Democrat's "Communities Plan" and think the commission should reject it as a redistricting template for Montana.

*Douglas S. Tapper*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Jerry and Sue Evans*  
*jevans@3rivers.net*

*"I didn't like the way redistricting was done last time and I don't want our rural people to lose their voice in legislature. I realize that so many people have to be in the area to get a representative or senator but we need a voice. Maybe it should be on how many people actually vote as to how the districting should go."*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Ellie Solem*

*ellie@cpalaw-chinook.com*

*"Please oppose the Democrats'  
Communities Plan"*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

John Cummings  
jmtman@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.

*John W. Cummings, Jr*  
*37818 Temple Dr.*  
*Polson, MT 59860*  
*406-883-1619*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Chuck & Wanda  
chuwanmcg@tctwest.net

Please oppose the Democratic communities plan to  
redistrict our state. Don't take our rural voice  
away!

*Wanda McGregor*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Nancy Hebnes  
nhebnes@blackfoot.net

I oppose having Granite County with Deer  
Lodge County, we should be with Powell  
County, more in common.

Thank you.

*Nancy Hebnes*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Annette Anderson  
mtanderson89@yahoo.com

To whom it may concern,

I am adamantly opposed to the Democrat's  
"Community Plan" for redistricting.  
It is anti real Montana Communities.  
Surely, the committee can do better than this  
attempt at gerrymandering another 10 years of  
Montana votes!

*Annette Anderson*  
*Fromberg Montana*



# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*mjbjmt@aol.com*

*Please oppose the Democrat's Communities Plan.  
Please listen to the people and do what is right for  
the people!*

*Thank you.*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Rex Nichols

r-nichols@eurekadsl.net

"This is nothing more than planned tyranny by the Democratic (Communist) party. STOP this insanity! The people of Montana are about to "boil over" at this kind of trickery and frankly I hope they do. Enough is enough."

*Rex Nichols, Eureka. MT*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*chudowalski@aol.com*

*"Please for the sake of rural areas oppose  
the Democrats communities plan."*

*Thank you.*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Vpfick@aol.com

Please oppose the democratic plan to gerrymander the state of MT. The Dems are calling it the "community plan" which it certainly is not!

*Valerie Fick  
Dillon, MT*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Butch & Doreen  
mtranch@northerntel.net

"I am very opposed to the idea of the community plan. I do not know all the details yet but sounds a lot like what we have now in western Toole county and eastern Glacier county. We have no voice most of the time. It is horrible. We have no chance of being represented in a fair way unless something very unusual happens."

*Butch Gillespie*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*TO THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:*

*REJECT THE COMMUNITIES PLAN. HD 46 ,MY HD 46 DISTRICT IS A GERRYMANDER JOKE... IT'S SHAPED LIKE A HORSE SHOE. IT IS SPREAD OVER A 700 [ HUNDRED] SQUARE MILE AREA AROUND BILLINGS. IT VIOLATES EVERY REDISTRICTING RULE. THE SO CALLED COMMUNITIES PLAN DOES THE SAME THING. IT IS CREATED TO PROVIDE POLITICAL PARTY DISTRICTS.*

*CLAYTON FISCUS, REP. ELECT : HD 46*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Vern Brown

vernbrownsr@gmail.com

"I oppose the gerrymandering plan to lump rural partial counties with cities. Stop the communities plan."

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Melanie

melanief@bresnan.net

"I oppose the community plan"



# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Jean Nemeth  
nemeth840@yahoo.com

"Please oppose the Democrats redistricting plan. I am from a rural area & want to be represented fairly without being lumped together with city folks who live differently."

*Sincerely,*

*Jean Nemeth*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Pivonka, Carl E

carl.e.pivonka@exxonmobil.com

Members of the Committee,

I am opposed to the Democrats plan to “gerrymander” the Montana vote with the so called “Communities Plan”. We have enough corruption in the Federal Government already, and we do not need to have more in Montana. The American people are waking up to the corruption of our elected officials and are not going to take much more abuse. Please start the road to recovery to a fair and equitable government by being honest and judicious with your decisions and policies, because in the end you will be judged by God and not man, and you and I both know that this has eternal consequences. Thanks for listening to my opposition to this corrupt law.

Sincerely,

Carl Pivonka

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

rluciani rluciani@3rivers.net

I am against any communities plan the democrats will bring forward and any attempt that could affect how the elections are held in the state. Stand up for the people and not the establishment!

Sincerely

*Raul Luciani*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Steve Sem  
gr8st8mt@yahoo.com

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Respectfully,  
Steven R. Sem  
Great Falls

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Lorna Lang*

*llang@itstriangle.com*

*"I oppose the democrats plan."*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Bishop Appraisal  
bishopapp@earthlink.net

"Please tell the Commission that is should OPPOSE the Democratic plan to gerrymander Montana AGAIN. We the people of the rural area of Montana want to continue to have a specific voice in the elections and do not want to be lumped into the city/community thought processes."

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Steve Williamson  
curly.21.williamson@gmail.com

"Please oppose the Democrat's plan to redistrict."

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Cathy Williams-Rash*  
*cjwm@3rivers.net*

*"We Oppose!!! Leave it alone"*

*Bar C Quarter Horses*  
*Big Hole River Red Angus*  
*www.barc ranch.blogspot.com*

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# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Myron Monsen  
mdmonsens@hughes.net

I would just like to take the opportunity to voice my opposition to the "communities plan" for legislative re-districting. I see no reason to carve up rural areas and put them with city groups other than to accomplish political advantage. I think these areas need to be left where they can get accurate representation in the legislature.

Please don't remove the voice of rural Montana.

Myron Monsen  
Broadview MT

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Alan Redfield  
redfieldhd61@gmail.com

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to comment on the redistricting. The so called communities is not a community plan at all it pulls apart normal communities and puts them in a piecemeal community that nowhere resembles a normal community. The community plan discourages people to vote since they will not be represented by someone in, near or typical from their former district. To support the communities plan is an affront to voter rights.

*Alan Redfield*  
*Livingston, MT*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Norpolecat@aol.com*

*"Please oppose the Democrat's  
"Communities" Plan"*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Steve Orr  
sormvrfd@gmail.com

To whom it May Concern:

I am asking you to oppose the redistricting plan for Montana. The needs and ideals of rural Montana are vastly different than those of the more urban centers within the state. Rural Montana must be allowed to maintain a voice and representation in the state legislature. Please bring all available resources to bare in the opposition of this effort to take away or representation.

Sincerely,

*Steve Orr*  
*Ennis, MT.*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Jack and Susan Lake  
jlake@ronan.net*

*Hello,*

*I live in Lake County and our district is chopped up under the Dem's plan into so many districts that have nothing to do with community.*

*Susan Lake*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

Robert Kolar  
mtkolar1@aol.com

"I am writing in opposition to the Community plan as well as the existing plan. It is time to do the right thing for Montana voting districts. It is time voters be represented by a person with the same values as the voters in his/her district."

Thank you,

*Robert Kolar*  
*PO Box 5043*  
*Helena, MT 59604*  
*406-449-4653*

# Please Oppose the Communities Plan!

*Richard Cronk*

*tbarx@ttc-cmc.net*

"Presently Blaine County is divided along Highway two with those south of the highway lumped in with the Native American District. The people south of Highway 2 not on the reservation have more in common with those North of the Highway. If the line was moved south to the Missouri River Monument, it would more closely combine groups with similar interests. Also, Havre should be combined into one district. It makes no sense to do otherwise except for political purposes."

*Richard Cronk*

*357-4118*

*Chinook Montana*

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I oppose drawing legislative districts based on partisan outcomes, election results, and political data. Districts should not be designed to achieve a certain partisan outcome.

I strongly urge you to reject maps that use political data and election results in the development of district lines for the legislature

I think the urban-rural 100 map is common sense recognition of the differences between cities and rural areas of the state. I think the subdivision 100 map is also a good approach since it seems to keep many counties and towns together when possible

Signature Bob Ehl

Zip Code 59349

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Signature Don Helms

Zip Code 59330

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Signature Angie Skir

Zip Code 59330

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Signature Bill Stenard

Zip Code 59220