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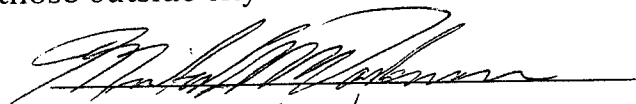
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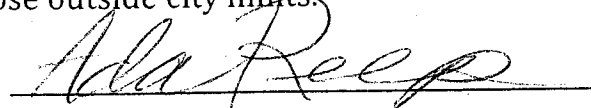
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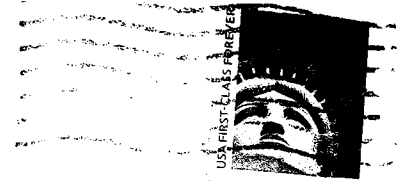
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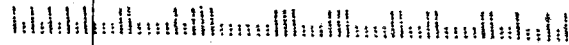
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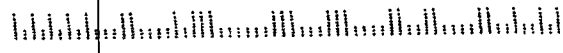
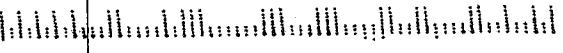
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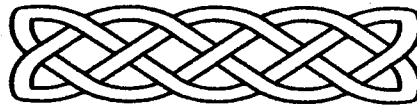
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I urge you to support the Communities Plan for Southwestern Montana.

Print Name Ronda Coguzzi Signature Ronda Coguzzi

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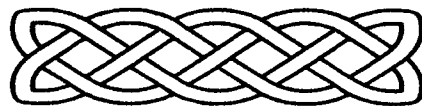
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**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Annie Lilly [troyannie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 04, 2012 10:20 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** redistricting

To the members of the Redistricting Commission,

I understand there are proposals before the commission for new legislative boundaries that used election results as a basis for drawing lines. This may be something that is common in Washington, D.C., New York or California, but it's not the Montana way.

I believe it is impossible to follow the criteria you adopted while also taking into account political data.

Relying on statistics about how areas vote lead to many of the problems of the current map: urban domination of suburban and rural areas,.

I find it unnecessary to splitt counties and cities, and inconsistently apply districts.

Please do not adopt any map that uses such statistics or has any resemblance to the current map.

It appears the commission has at least three good proposals put together by non- partisan staff members (urban-rural, deviation, subdivision).

Please stay away from manipulating lines for political purposes and stick to the state constitution.

Thank you for your work and for listening to regular Montanans.

Sincerely,  
Annie Lilly  
POBox 973  
Troy Montana

**Weiss, Rachel**

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**From:** Mary Lu Berry [berryml@midrivers.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2012 5:16 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Re-districting



Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners feels that the Communities Plan would be the best option for good representation of our small communities.

Mary Lu Berry    A truly happy person is one  
Golden Valley County who can enjoy the scenery  
Clerk & Recorder            on a detour!  
Clerk of Court  
Election Administrator  
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June 13, 2012

Chairman Regnier and members of the  
Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I appreciate your difficult task of listening, assessing data and then determining a districting plan for the state of Montana.

As you contemplate the information presented and propose your final plan, I strongly urge you to reject any partisan politics in the redistricting effort. For constituent continuity, I believe it is imperative to keep cities and rural areas intact rather than splitting them into strong voting areas, as some plans propose. I believe the urban-rural 100 map seems to be a common sense approach to what I believe is in the best interest of Montana.

I look forward to following the work that you are doing.

Sincerely,



Vicke Schend

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June 14, 2012

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To the members of the Apportionment Committee:

We appreciate the difficult task before you, and we hope that you will work together to identify a partisan outcome of the new legislative district plan, while giving the people their fair representation. Many counties and communities have taken the time to offer reasonable suggestions for their impacted areas, so please take these considerations seriously.

We strongly oppose the "Communities Plan" as it slices Richland County into three strangely shaped legislative districts, unnecessarily splitting up the county, as well as being inconsistent with deviation allowances.

The "Urban-Rural Plan" appears to be the most common sense approach, as it takes into consideration the differences between the cities and the rural areas of the state, while keeping many counties and towns together whenever possible. By identifying the interests of rural, suburban, and urban voters, you demonstrate an understanding of the different priorities as well as the benefits of separate representation.

Richland County's population has increased for the first time in decades, and as the energy development continues to draw more and more population to Eastern MT, it is now more important than ever to have accurate and knowledgeable representation. Richland County meets all four of the mandatory criteria within the 3% deviation, so we urge the Apportionment Committee to keep things simple and utilize the county line as the legislative line as well. We urge you to adopt the "Urban-Rural Plan".

The Board of Directors, Richland Economic Development

Leif Anderson  
Tami Christensen  
Bill Henderson  
Lynette Miller  
Gary Schoepp

Craig Averett  
Russ Fullmer  
Tara Hill  
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Cami Skinner

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Pam Burman  
Shane Gorder  
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**Rep. Robert "Bob" Mehlhoff**

House District 26

*Westside of Great Falls, Sun Prairie, and Vaughn area*

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June 16, 2012

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to ask for your approval of the "Communities Plan" as it pertains to changes in now House District 26 and the future House District 27 under the plan. The changes that the "Communities Plan" would make to House District 26 are to remove Vaughn and the surrounding area and part of the Fairfield Bench area that is in Cascade County and add Valley View which now adjoins the district and at one time was part of the district.

- 1. The plan keeps the geographic area more compact.** Valley View is a natural fit to be reunited with the present House District 26. The geographic area of the district would be condensed in length because the Vaughn area and part of the Fairfield Bench area would then not be part of this district. It also would not add further distance to the area that one proposal has that adds Sun River to the district. Another proposal would add part of the Fox Farm area cutting across 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the Sun River which has always acted as a natural barrier between now District 18 and District 26.
- 2. The plan has communities of common interest.** The "Communities Plan" proposal would reunite an area that has traditionally had many common interests with now HD-26. One area of common interests is a common school district that would not be the case if Sun River were to be part of the district. The new district with Valley View included would be almost exclusively part of the Great Falls School system and almost all would attend C.M. Russell High School. That would not be the case if rural area were added. If part of the Fox Farm area were added there would be no common interest between the mostly high income professionals and business owners of Fox Farm and the moderate to low income working class and retired people of the Westside and Sun Prairie. If asked, Valley View residents overwhelming would be happy to identify themselves as "Westiders" and would

agree that they have many common interests with the proposed district in the "Communities Plan". The Fox Farm area and Vaughn/Sun River would not make the same claim.

- 3. Urban and suburban interests would be kept together.** The new district would unite urban and suburban areas if Valley View were added to the district, and it would become a district with common interests and needs. Adding the Sun River area to this district would only add to Urban/Rural conflict in representing the district fairly. Adding the Fox Farm area to the district would combine dissimilar interests of high income professionals and business owners and the working class of District 18 and moderate income retired residents of House District 26.

Comparing putting the Vaughn/ Sun River area rather than Valley View in new District 27 is clear. Valley View was a part of the district at one time and is made up of working class, urban/suburban residents who work in an urban environment for the most part and send their children to a common school district. Sun River and the Vaughn areas are rural areas that feed into different school districts and would better fit into a more rural district or at least one with similar political interests. Political differences between the rural area of this district and urban working class areas are stark. It would make it very difficult for one representative to represent both areas in Helena. If asked, Sun River would be very unhappy being merged with the Westside of Great Falls and would rather stay where they are now or even be put into a more rural setting. Adding part of the Fox Farm area would add people of different backgrounds and interests together.

As someone who has proudly represented House District 26 for two terms, I would say, if my district cannot be left as is, I would support the "Communities Plan". The "Communities Plan" would best meet the criteria of realignment that has been set forth as goals of redistricting.

Sincerely,



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Hello,

Please find the attached public comment submitted by the Dawson County Republican Central Committee. Please keep me aware of any public comment opportunities that we may participate in.

Thank you,

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