

Public Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tim Abney

From: Tim Abney blackbart@thegame.com
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

This fiasco is absolutely outrageous. First off the last two elections have sent a very loud message that apparently is being ignored. We are finished with the liberal/communists and want them out of everything in this state. How do we have 3 of the 5 seats on this committee held by these people?

Get them out of these positions and work for the people who have spoken via our elections.

If there are partisan politics in Montana there should be a very hard right leaning projection.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Janis Ahlstrom

From: Janis Ahlstrom jahlstrom82@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT 59601

Message:
I support CP-1 as the most fair redistricting map.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:08 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: JAMES ALINE

From: JAMES ALINE j.aline@bresnan.net
Residence: CLANCY,MT.

Message:

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CP1 ACCEPTED. IT SEEMS TO BE A FAIR COMPROMISE FOR BOTH PARTIES.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Donna Aline

From: Donna Aline daline@bresnan.net
Residence: Clancy

Message:

Please approve the redistricting map CP-1. It does the best job of meeting the criteria that the commission agreed on.

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Sherley, Laura

From: rogandpat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Allick <rogandpat@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:36 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Please Support Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I think politics have torn Montana and America apart. Please try to represent all voters when deciding on a map for the Senate, by using the HDP--8 map that you folks drew up for the house. It looks like you tried to make HDP-8 fair for all the folks of Montana. We need the people in both the House and the Senate to remember that they were put into office to serve all the people of Montana, not just one political party. We are all Montanans and all Americans. We need to make everything as fair as we can. We need to get House members and Senators to work for the people and compromise, work across party lines...nothing should be more for one party than another. So, making a fair map is a good start.

I taught Science to 8th thru 12th grade students in Kalispell for 27 years. In all that time I did not talk politics to the students. I worked with both Republican and Democrat educators. Being of one political party or another never interfered with our main goal...to give students the best education we could. I hope this commission can work for one goal...to make the districting as fair as possible to represent all Montanans. Thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely,

Pat Allick

563 Five Card Draw Kalispell, MT 59901-0811 rogandpat@centurytel.net

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Thomas A Arvidson

From: Thomas A Arvidson tomarvidson00@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I like the idea that the map is an independent compilation with the intent to give one person one vote. It should not give any particular party or ideology an advantage or disadvantage any particular group. Incumbent protection isn't part of the criteria and neither are maintaining cores of existing districts to satisfy politicians. The map should be drawn for the people of Montana based on adopted criteria, not politicians' desires.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Alan Ault

From: Alan Ault aultformissoula@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

No. Enough is enough of the partisan politics. Remember when things were fair and balanced? From this map you surely don't. How about doing something new and think of Montanans.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tanner Avery

From: Tanner Avery tanmichaelavery@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

If this plan is adopted then the house district I live in will extend all the way from Durston, in the middle of Bozeman all the way to the west side of Belgrade. The people drew this map should be ashamed. This is clearly an attempt to get rid of Belgrade votes with Bozeman votes. Of all of the historical maps, this has to take the cake for being the most clearly gerrymandered map. These districts are objectively not compact. Please do the right thing and reject this blatant attempt to undermine Montana's democracy.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dawn Baker

From: Dawn Baker dawnlylebaker@gmail.com
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:

HDP8 met all of the adopted criteria and goals better than the Republican map HDP7. The Democratic map is fairer, splits fewer counties and municipalities, has more competitive seats and is more compact than the Republican counterpart. For these reasons I am suggesting that HDP8 be considered.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Terri Barney

From: Terri Barney lantnterri@hotmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I am requesting Map HDP8 be rejected. This map combines rural and urban communities and splits the municipalities of Montana City.

This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together. It further violates the rule of compactness and contiguity by splitting Jefferson County into three different districts.

Thank you for your time

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Erin Barnhill

From: Erin Barnhill erinbrigid88@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I'm in support of districting that follows the Commission guidelines- not that which supports one political party's interests over another. Do the right thing.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Savanna Barrett

From: Savanna Barrett studio@savannabarrett.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:
Please support Tentative Map CP-1 and encourage fair Senate districts.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:10 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lana R Batts

From: Lana R Batts lanabatts@me.com
Residence: Lakeside, Mt 59922

Message:

I vigorously disagree with the idea of splitting Lakeside and Somers into two different districts.

Lakeside and Somers are viewed as one community by residents in both communities:

–The West Shore Community Library serves is staffed by volunteer from both Lakeside and Somers and serves residents from both communities

–The Quick Response Unit (ambulance) is made up of volunteers from both Lakeside and Somers and serves both communities.

The Food Bank is staff by volunteers from Lakeside and Somers and services both communities.

–The Lakeside Community Club raises funds from both communities and distributes those funds to non-profits in both communities.

–The grade school age kids from Somers attend the elementary school in Lakeside with the middle school kids from Lakeside attend the school in Somers.

–High schools students from both communities ride the same bus to Kalispell.

— Lutherans in Lakeside go the Lutheran church in Somers while Baptists go to the Baptist Church in lakeside.

— Both Lakeside and Somers are in Flathead County.

In essence, the residents of Lakeside have NOTHING in common with the residents of Polson. Lakeside would quickly be viewed as the ugly, redhead stepchildren by Polson with absolutely no say in how the area is governed by Lake County.

Please reconsider where you drew and lines and combine Somers and Lakeside with any district that is drawn.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:33 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rep. Becky Beard

From: Rep. Becky Beard becky4hd80@blackfoot.net
Residence: Elliston, MT

Message:

The Commission's proposed map's proposed HD62 traverses four counties, from Seeley Lake in Missoula County, Powell County, through Lewis and Clark County into Bernice/Basin in Jefferson County. It's not clear from the on-line maps if any Lewis and Clark County residential addresses are included in the new district's formation. One-way travel through this proposed district would entail about 2.5 hours of travel time. A House District Representative would be required to travel through six other districts in the process. Furthermore, in the event of an elected official's resignation, the replacement appointment process would require coordination between four county commissions. I'm currently involved in this process for SD40 with two commissions in play, and know this is a labor intensive and cumbersome process. I am not in favor of this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Maryrose Beasley

From: Maryrose Beasley mrosebeasley@gmail.com
Residence: Roundup, MT

Message:

I feel the districts are drawn unfairly and some are too large and cumbersome to provide adequate representation of the people. For example, eastern districts such as ours, will make it nearly impossible for everyone to meet with our representative and voice our opinions. Please redraw districts, keeping fairness and equal representation in mind.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: arthur e beckes

From: arthur e beckes starkraven@blackfoot.net
Residence: Saint Ignatius

Message:

Thanks for doing this work. I support Map CP-1(HDP-8). Seems good to me. I hope you'll consider Native Americans in the next round of mapping too. Fair representation is the decent and truly democratic ideal and I believe it's the way our country should always operate.

Yours for a Healthy Country,
A.E. Beckes,
St. Ignatius, Montana

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Wayne Beckman

From: Wayne Beckman wbmusic@msn.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I find most anything the Democrats do is anti-American or anti-moral, so I would vote against them on these accounts alone, but here are some more informed reasons on this issue to vote against this redistricting by a person involved.

My name is Debbie Churchill. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

1. Map HDP8 splits the municipality of Montana City in half. The residents of Montana City are in a small rural community which encompasses both the West and East side of the Interstate. Map HDP8 puts most of Jefferson County in HD61 and then takes the West Half of Montana City and puts it in HD68. By doing that, the residents of Montana City are not kept together – the residents in West Montana City are in HD68 and the residents of East Montana City are in HD61.

In looking at Dave's Redistricting, when adding in the city layers, it incorrectly identifies the municipality of Montana City and cannot be relied upon to represent the idea that Map HDP8 keeps the municipality of Montana City together.

2. Map HDP8 separates communities of interest in Montana City. The residents of the West half of Montana City are separated from the residents in the East Half of Montana City when Montana City is split into two districts. Map HDP8 puts the West Half of Montana City in the same HD as West Helena and North Helena in Lewis & Clark County. This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together.

3. Map HDP8 separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder. Map HDP8 puts Basin and Bernice in HD62 which extends all the way from Bernice and Basin in Jefferson County to Seeley Lake in Missoula County! Basin, Bernice and Boulder are small rural municipalities within 10 minutes of each other. The drive from Bernice to Seeley Lake is 2-1/2 hours! This makes no sense!

4. Map HDP8 violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. The Representative from HD62 (formerly HD80) would represent residents of 4 counties (whereas currently represents 2 counties) by adding in small pieces of Jefferson and Missoula Counties. The Representative of HD62 would have to drive through six (6) other districts! to serve the communities of West Montana City, Basin and Bernice. The towns of Bernice and Seeley Lake are separated by 147 miles on the fastest route!

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Jefferson County by cutting the county into three districts, splitting the municipality of Montana City, separating communities of interest throughout Jefferson County, and connecting communities that are great distances apart in interests, mileage and driving time. Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Jefferson County.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Angela Bennin <angelabennin19@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Redistricting Legislative Districts

Please do not go with this plan. I am from Park County and it appears that sections of our county will be separated and broken up. In fact if you go with the current plan quite a few counties will be separated and broken up. Surely that is not your intent? Please keep the plan closer to what we have now.

Sincerely,
Angela Bennin
7 Morgan Trail, Livingston, MT 59047
Cell 321-231-3780

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cheri Bergeron

From: Cheri Bergeron cherib6100@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:
Please create fair Senate districts.

Pair neighboring minority-majority House districts with each other to allow for Native Americans to elect the candidates of their choice to the Montana Senate. Native Americans constitute 7.8% of the state's population per the 2020 census. For proportional representation, this would mean 4 Senators. Pairing neighboring minority House to form Senate districts would offer the potential for 3 candidates of choice for Native Americans.

2. Minimize undue advantage to one political party by pairing remaining districts to allow the Senate to reflect partisan voting shares. Proportional Senate would have approximately 29 Senate districts likely to go Republican and 21 Senate districts likely to go Democrat. Create as many competitive Senate districts as possible using the Commission's adopted definition of competitiveness.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:37 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cheri Bergeron

From: Cheri Bergeron cherib6100@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:
I support the tentative map CP-1.

This proposed map CP-1 does the better job of meeting mandatory criteria: the districts are contiguous, more compact and meet the Voting Rights Act by including 6 minority majority districts to allow Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: william berthoud

From: william berthoud wberthoud@msn.com
Residence: Roundup

Message:
Dear Commiecrats,
Quit cheating!

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marta Bertoglio

From: Marta Bertoglio martaformontana@gmail.com
Residence: Montana City

Message:

Having read my constituent's comments regarding Jefferson County, I agree with the below comments. There are people that live in the "South Hills" area who have kids in Montana City as well as Jefferson High School in Boulder. From firsthand experience, a representative driving to the areas of my district, I feel that the area carved out in Basin and Bernice will not be served as well because that is not part of the other counties and "out of the way" for a representative to cover. That proposed district is too big and covers too many different areas. I agree with the following comments:

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rick Blake

From: Rick Blake rick@bigskyinc.com
Residence: Whitefish

Message:
Proposed district 98

No way Whitefish and CFalls should be same proposed district 98 (map at <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::cf80f394-cc8f-4bf7-8037-3257ad23cf91>). They are bitter rivals. They have Cat/Dog boxing smoker against each other. Values are not the same. Whitefish is liberal, privileged elite and CFalls in hard-working blue-collar family values. Appears to me this is just to get more liberal senate districts. I detest gerrymandering.

I am oppsed.

Ruck Blake

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Christine Boles

From: Christine Boles bolesfloorcovering@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:

I agree Lakeside, Somers, Lower valley, and Kila should stay together with Tanner Smith HD11.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Larry Boles

From: Larry Boles turkinolith@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade

Message:

I have been looking at the redistricting "Tentative Commission Proposal #1" map and I have to voice my opposition to this proposal.

The proposed layout for HD047 and HD048 are extreme in their layouts, encompassing portions of completely different communities that would have few shared concerns for their prospective representatives to properly represent. I'd even go so far as to say they look gerrymandered.

In the case of HD048 I find it hard to believe that the citizens of the "River Rock" community near Belgrade would have many shared concerns with the north 19th street community in Bozeman. Similarly HD047 splits up half of the core of Bozeman's residential community with nearly all of Belgrade. Those are two different communities, different concerns, and crucially nearly opposite historical voting patterns which I believe showcases what is really going on with this proposal.

In sum, I am opposed to Proposal 1.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Terri Boom

From: Terri Boom metew@3rivers.net
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:

I support the compromise map, HDP8, voted on by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission on Dec. 1.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: LYNNE BOONE

From: LYNNE BOONE lboone@earthlink.net
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I SUPPORT CP-1 REDISTRICTING MAP proposal. It seems to come the closest (although not perfect) to more fairly represent Montana voters. Ideally it would be good if more accurate representation from each party could be achieved but if the choices before us now are it, then I recommend approval of CP-1. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:50 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Fern Glass Boyd

From: Fern Glass Boyd fernglassboyd@gmail.com
Residence: MISSOULA

Message:

The revised proposed Redistricting map is more compact and has more competitive seats than the GOP-proposed map, HDP 7. Please accept a more fair & equitable redistricting map to reflect the wishes of ALL of Montana's voters. Thank you!

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Daniel Bradford

From: Daniel Bradford bradfordbalmach@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:

As a resident of Lakeside, I am 100% against redistricting HD11. Somers and Lakeside are intertwined with schools, waste water treatment, fire department, QRU etc.

Sincerely

Daniel Bradford
256 Lakeshore Dr
Lakeside MT 59922

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 2:00 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Joshua D Bradshaw

From: Joshua D Bradshaw joshuadb120@hotmail.com
Residence: Billings, Montana

Message:

I support this map and encourage you to pass it. If any changes are made please create more competitive seats to allow both parties a realistic chance to win a majority.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Donna Briggs

From: Donna Briggs dkbriggs@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:

Please keep Lakeside and Somers together! This is a unique community and should NOT be split with Somers going to Kalispell and Lakeside to Polson!

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Sherley, Laura

From: Dan Brooks <daniel.jacob.brooks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 7:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: House District Proposal 8 Map Feedback on HD24
Attachments: Screenshot 2022-12-02 at 9.45.01 AM.jpg; Screenshot 2022-12-02 at 12.34.45 PM.jpg

Honorable Members of the Redistricting Committee,

First, thank you for your time and commitment to this important and necessary process. Admittedly, I'm like most Montanans and haven't paid as much attention as I should have earlier in the process. However, with the [recently proposed legislative redistricting recommendation](#), I have some feedback regarding my own district and situation that I feel must be shared.

My wife and I live in Billings, work in Billings, have a business in Billings, pay taxes to the City of Billings, and live in a neighborhood where everyone's connections are to the city, not the adjacent county. There is little to no reason why my city neighborhood should be gerrymandered into the proposed HD 24. I do not live in Bighorn County, nor do I share any connection with it.

Honestly, I can't figure out how a district which reaches to within a mile of the downtown urban core of Montana's largest city, while extending to the Wyoming border, has been judged to fit the [Criteria and Goals of State Legislative Districts](#).

Criteria #3: "Each district shall consist of compact territory. (Article 5, Section 14 of the Montana Constitution). The Commission shall consider the district's functional compactness in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography."

The proposed boundaries for HD 24 are in clear violation of this criteria. Stretching from downtown Billings to the Wyoming border is the opposite of compact. Learning more about redistricting, I'm aware of the concepts of "cracking" and "packing," intended to disingenuously draw boundaries that have predetermined outcomes. I cannot interpret this proposed district as anything other than a textbook example of cracking, removing urban interests from the city into a rural dominated area.

Goal #2: "The commission shall attempt to minimize dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations when possible."

These proposed district boundaries for HD24 clearly don't meet the second goal. This proposal does a good job of dividing Billings residents OUT of a Billings district and into a vastly rural district.

Goal #3: "Keeping communities of interest intact. The Commission may consider keeping communities of interest intact. Communities of interest can be based on Indian reservations; urban interests, suburban interests, rural interests, including elementary and high school districts; tribal interests; neighborhoods; trade areas; geographic location; demographics; communication and transportation networks; social, cultural, historic, and economic interests and connections; or occupations and lifestyles."

Gerrymandering HD24's northwest salient that extends into the City of Billings removes the urban interests, suburban interests, school district interests, neighborhood interests, trade area interests, geographic location interests, social/cultural/economic interests, and occupational/lifestyle interests of city residents and dilutes them into the interests of a massively rural district.

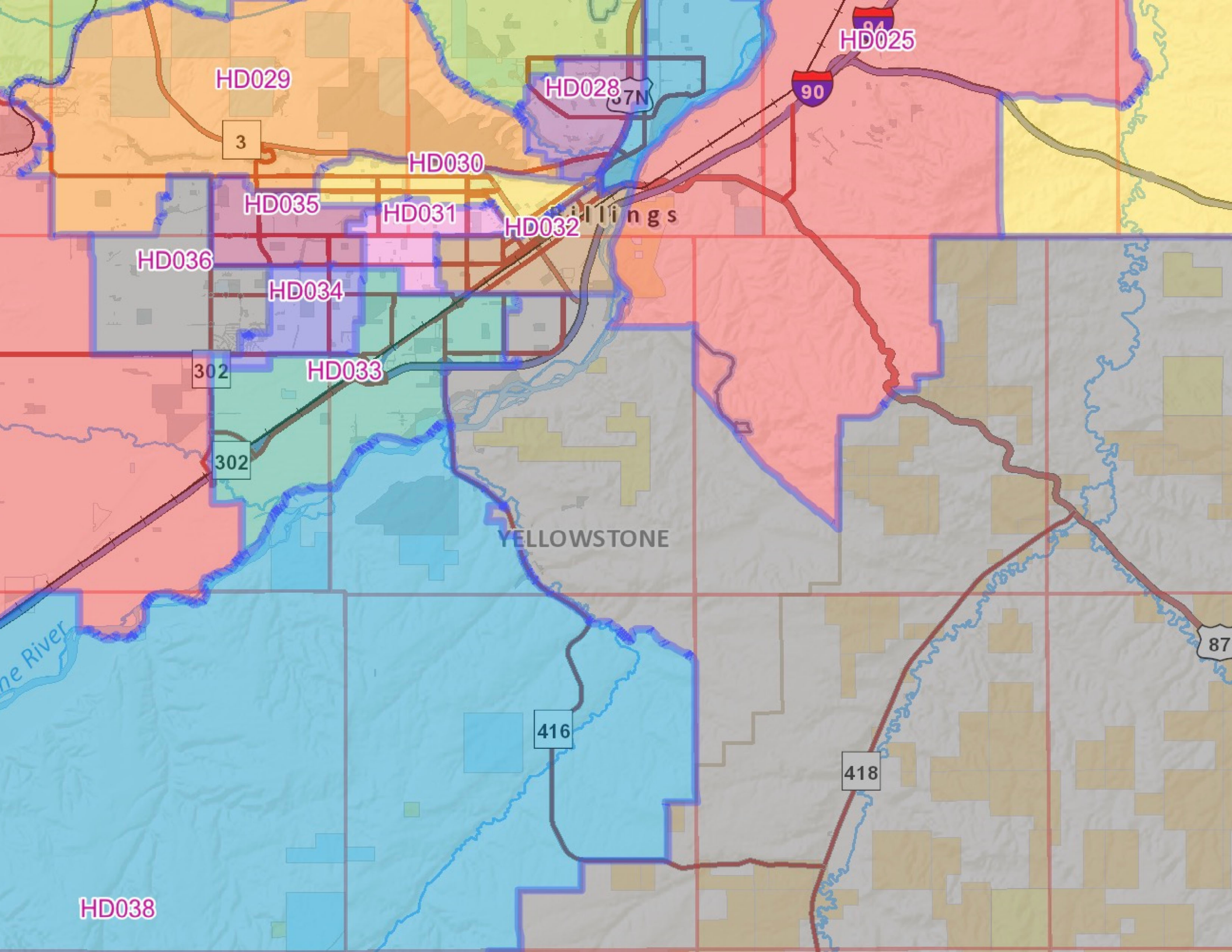
I know you have a lot of work ahead and my district isn't the only one deserving of your attention. But I am very concerned about my, and my neighborhood's, future representation.

Thank you for your consideration of my feedback.

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Respectfully,

DANIEL
BROOKS



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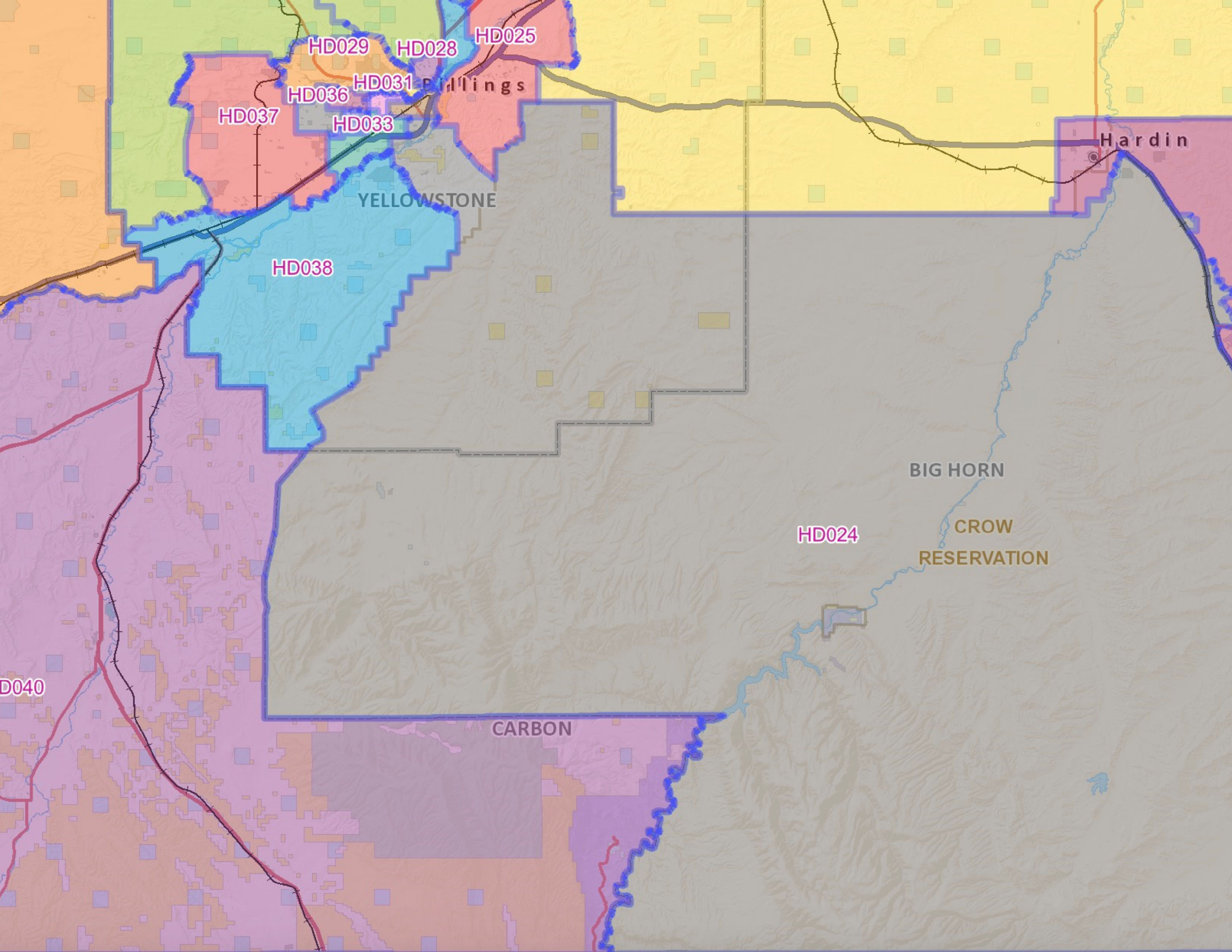
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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kersten Brooks

From: Kersten Brooks lovinglifebeingawife@gmail.com
Residence: East Helena MT

Message:
Vote down Map HDP8 map

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Robert Brown

From: Robert Brown bobbrown197082@gmail.com
Residence: Butte, Montana

Message:

I favor the Montana Legislature redistricting plan recently tentatively approved by the Commission on a 3-2 vote. I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican, but rather consider myself a moderately conservative independent. Although I am a third generation Montana, I am not Native. However, it is crucial to me that you protect those Districts which give Natives a reasonable opportunity to be elected to the Legislature. Even with these special Districts, Montana's Native peoples are sadly underrepresented in Montana's government. Further, I appreciate having Districts which are reasonably competitive. Living in Butte, I know what it is like to live in a District dominated by one party. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: sally brown

From: sally brown sallybrown6@gmail.com
Residence: missoula MT

Message:
YES! I support CP-1, a version of HDP -8

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Bryson

From: Mary Bryson maryebryson55@gmail.com
Residence: Montana City, Montana

Message:

Members of the Redistricting and Reapportionment Committee, for the record my name is Mary Bryson and I am long time resident of Jefferson County. First let me thank you for the opportunity to provide written comment and for your hard work over the past several months.

As a resident of Jefferson County I want to voice my concerns over the trend in the redistricting maps under consideration by the Committee. I have reviewed some of the most recent maps being considered by the committee and believe that Jefferson County residents will not be adequately represented if the committee adopts Proposed Map HDP8 (Map HDP8). I believe Map HDP8 violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

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I believe Jefferson County needs one fully contained district made up of most of the county. I believe that would provide the county with representation that can be identified as 1 person with undivided loyalty. We should not be divided into three or four districts, none of which are fully Jefferson County. For example, the Map HDP8 breaks up our county and enables larger communities (urban communities such as Helena) to "steal" our representation. Jefferson County residents would not be able to elect a representative as they are clearly in the minority in those districts. Map HDP8

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Jefferson County deserves a representative from our county. I sincerely believe that when the committee applies the mandatory and discretionary criteria of the law there is a map that would allow the residents of Jefferson County to be fully represented in the legislature. I don't believe that employing tactics to undermine the process of redistricting to preserve "seats" is appropriate and I am sure the committee will consider that redistricting should establish districts that reflect a "community" of residents that live in one county and share common vision.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my point of view.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Senator Butcher <senatorbutcher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Legislative Redistricting Map

Members of the Commission:

I am very disappointed that the Commission is shelving down the throats of Montana voters the Commission option # 8! It is one of the worst gerrymandered maps and is obviously a Democrat effort to water down the current districts who tend to support Republicans. The Option # 7 appears much more compact and provides better representation for the Montana voters' views. Just from population concentrations with the recent movements of Montana citizens, the Democrats will have the advantage of the college voters and out-of-state immigration, but #8 is disgustedly political partisan and needs to be reconsidered.

Sen. Ed Butcher (Ret)

7550 Butcher Rd

Winifred, Montana 59489

406-462-5615



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Sherley, Laura

From: byrnejudy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Byrne <byrnejudy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Dear Commissioners,

I write to thank you for proposing a legislative districting map that meets the criteria and goals previously adopted. Your responsiveness to the citizenry of Montana is well-appreciated. I urge you to adopt Map HDP-8. It does what it should. I also urge you to adopt Senate districts that fairly reflects the totality of our state and doesn't favor either political party.

Thank you very much for your good work on our behalf.

Judy Byrne
Great Falls

Sincerely,
Judy Byrne
3657 8th Ave S Great Falls, MT 59405-3431 byrnejudy@yahoo.com

Sherley, Laura

From: lauren.s.caldwell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of LAUREN CALDWELL
<lauren.s.caldwell@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:15 PM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Please support Legislative Map HDP-8.

It is truly remarkable that you found a single map that meets all the commission goals and criteria, is reflective of the public comment you received this fall, is population equal, compact and contiguous, and complies with the federal Voting Rights Act and our Montana Constitution. The fact that it splits the fewest counties and municipalities is icing on the cake.

Well done!

I urge you to use the same process for Senate pairings. Please don't allow any changes that would unduly favor either party.

Thank you for the work you've done and will do to ensure Montana's legislative maps are proportional and fair.

Sincerely,
LAUREN CALDWELL
1003 Highland St Helena, MT 59601-5121
lauren.s.caldwell@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Robin Carey

From: Robin Carey rbc1214@bresnan.net
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:
Dem's proposed map looks fair to me. I urge you adopt it.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cathy Carlson

From: Cathy Carlson cycathy18@gmail.com
Residence: East Helena, MT

Message:

My name is Cathy Carlson and a resident of Montana, living in Lewis and Clark County, neighboring Jefferson County.

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Thank you!

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Sherley, Laura

From: Eileen Carney <jecarneymt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: House map

I support the tentative final house map as it is because it splits the fewest counties which is a good thing. The state is roughly 60-40 and that is what the map shows. It is a compromise and as such reflects the best choices. Thanks for all your work on the project

From: [Anne Christensen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:59:02 PM

I would like to support the proposed redistricting map CP-1 (HDP-8). This map creates legislative districts that are fair to both major parties and gives each party an opportunity to have elected representatives for their views. This map also provides opportunities for Native Americans to have the possibility of electing some representatives, too. The proposed districts are relatively compact and preserve communities of interest. I encourage you to adopt this map.

Thank you for all your work to create fair districts for Montana.

Best regards,
Anne Christensen
2492 Star Ridge Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Terry Churchill

From: Terry Churchill terry.churchill74@gmail.com
Residence: Clancy, Montana

Message:

The current map HDP-8 is disappointing. Montana is 70% republican and yet the map that the commission has voted on has serious long term issues that favor the democrats in many ways. Competition is an excuse to warrant maneuvering the maps in favor of the democrats for the next 10 years. Not only does the map put numerous sitting republican representatives in conflict with each other in future elections, it will adversely affect the future of sitting republican senators when the boundaries of those districts are drawn during the next task the commission has. When one looks at how grouped house districts are adjoined to make a senate district it will put republicans in conflict with each other in future elections. This is clearly a strategy to put sitting representatives and senators in conflict with each other in an attempt to whittle away at the current majority. Several larger districts make travel for the representatives and senators difficult when considering the highways needed to reach the far corners of their districts. The structure of the commission having a 3 to 2 advantage does not represent the republican majority in the state government. I implore the chair to be more impartial but also consider the republican voters that represent majority of Montana. HDP-8 is obviously a democratic proposed map being forced upon a red state.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Debbie Churchill

From: Debbie Churchill debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com
Residence: Clancy

Message:

My name is Debbie Churchill. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marybeth Clark

From: Marybeth Clark toneybeth@yahoo.com
Residence: MISSOULA

Message:
Please support tentative map CP-1. I seems to be the most fair.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 12:53 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kathleen Manley-Coburn

From: Kathleen Manley-Coburn kathyrunsamok@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support HDP 8, and the guidelines set forth by the commission, because they are fair and will allow for competitive races.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Carla Colstad <carlagcol@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:00 PM
To: Districting
Subject: map

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

**Thank you,
Carla Colstad
Hardin, Big Horn County, Montana**

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Trina Colucci

From: Trina Colucci mnacolucci@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade MT

Message:

Due to the Redistricting regulations, you can not separate communities of similar voting preference. With this current map (especially in Bozeman, Missoula, and Helena). As a resident of Belgrade, with the proposed map, my vote won't even count. I am fully against the proposed map.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dayna Colvin

From: Dayna Colvin dayna.loy1@gmail.com
Residence: Butte, Montana

Message:

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Beth Cooper

From: Beth Cooper cooperb38@hotmail.com
Residence: GREAT FALLS MT

Message:

Hello: My comments on the map..we should take numbers together i.e. 89 and form a Senate district 1011, 1213, 1415. These House districts could be made into Senate districts. As of present, we do not have a representative state! These maps should be fair to all, and not favor any party. Should be equal as possible, and this current proposed map doesn't look like it very equal! Let's do what is right and fair to all our citizens!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Brenden Costa

From: Brenden Costa BrendenTC014@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

As a concerned citizen, I have to disagree with the redistricting in Gallatin county. Specifically with the committee's decision to include major parts of Bozeman with Belgrade in those districts . They are two different committees, with vastly different political views. By including Bozeman in those districts, Belgrade is restricted from being able to represent itself in the legislative.

This is a clear example of gerrymandering, and must be redrawn so that both communities can be fairly represented in our Democratic process.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope a fair decision is made for all Montanans within these districts.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: tammie coster

From: tammie coster ta_coster@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

Stop trying to convert this beautiful state to a democratic shit hole. The people want a fair redistricting of our state,

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:11 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carolyn Cruson

From: Carolyn Cruson ccruson@blackfoot.net
Residence: Potomac, Montana

Message:

This map indicates our district being quite large, extended west into Missoula. Missoula and rural areas should be kept separate, as, we in the rural area will have no voice. Urban and rural areas are vastly different and each area should have their own representation. If this map is to be selected, a change needs to be made.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Chelsea Culpon <chelsearandf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: HDP8 unfit for Helena Area

Greetings Madam Chair and Commission members,

My name is Chelsea Culpon and I am a resident of Helena in L&C County.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of the Helena, the Helena Valley and East Helena.

1. **Map HDP8 splits the community of East Helena.** The residents of East Helena do NOT live in Helena and no longer share a school district with Helena since East Helena now has it's own independent K-12 school system.

East Helena has many blue collar, union, democrats as well as suburban and rural blue collar republicans. As a whole, East Helena is a competitive district and COMPACT community. There NO reason to loop in the white collar, upper east side, urban residents of Helena.

East Helena has its own post office, pool, rodeo, grocery store, holiday parades and community parks.

East Helena does NOT in any way stretch into Helena. It DOES stretch north into the valley and east towards Townsend.

2. **Map HDP8 chops up the city of Helena.**

5 acre, 10 acre, 20 acre and 50 acre homesteads, ranchettes, hobby farms and animal refugees are NOT part of the 6th ward of central city Helena or high density urban subdivisions.

Both HD66 and HD65 take a small, dense urban section of central Helena and sprawl out to the Helena Valley

3. **HD64 is the East Helena district.** It should include only East Helena. It should extend north. It should NOT extend west of Interstate 15. That is a geographic and natural barrier between Helena and East Helena. It can also go east, if needed or slightly south but not west.

HD 64 is NOT compact, contiguous and it splits up the community and town of East Helena.

4. **HD 66 is NOT compact or contiguous.** It should extend east to Interstate 15 (where HD 64 should recede) and should drastically shrink towards the south. This should be a city district.

HD 66 is NOT compact or contiguous. It separates like communities (puts rural 20-50 acres residents with urban high density residents).

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the rural and suburban residents of Lewis & Clark County.

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Polly Cunningham

From: Polly Cunningham pollyc7@gmail.com
Residence: Choteau MT

Message:

I strongly support the redistricting map proposed by the Democrats.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kaleigh Cunningham

From: Kaleigh Cunningham cunningham.kaleigh@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:
Don't jerrymander Montana! Reject the current proposal please

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jonathan Dahmer

From: Jonathan Dahmer jonathan.dahmer@nym.hush.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Thank you for your proposal of redistricting our State – now please find another commission that is willing to act in a nonpartisan manner when creating logically mapped districts. The proposed districts in and around Bozeman are nothing short of shameful. I would be embarrassed to have my name on anything to do with what you have created. I think you are all as delusional as all of the out of staters that think Yellowstone is an accurate depiction of our State. Go back to the drawing board. Yeesh.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Von Dailey

From: Von Dailey thehelpzone@yahoo.com
Residence: Florence, Montana

Message:

As I look at the map and districts in Ravalli County, I see our county is under represented with 700-800 more people included in our county districts than any other district in Montana. Now, with that being said, my district, district 88, will likely be redrawn as other Ravalli County districts are redrawn to give each district more equal representation. So when district 88 is redrawn, it becomes evident that it'll be pushed north. I suggest that if it is pushed to the north that it will only include rural populations because rural and urban populations have a radically different life style. And with only one representative, either the rural population or the urban population will be underrepresented.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kim Dailey

From: Kim Dailey kimnvon@yahoo.com
Residence: Florence, Montana

Message:

The population needs to be more equalized. As it stands, Ravalli County is underrepresented. The districts in our county have 700-800 more people in them than other districts in the state. In trying to correct this, there needs to be a district that puts Florence with Lolo, but not go into Missoula. Florence and Lolo are both rural areas that have nothing in common with the urban area of Missoula. One representative cannot represent both sides of that coin. No matter what it is they are voting on, they would automatically be excluding half of their constituents.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Connie Dale

From: Connie Dale ConstanceDale@yahoo.com
Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

Map HDP8 violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together because it puts the municipalities of Whitefish and Columbia Falls in the same district (HD98). Whitefish and Columbia Falls are rival towns. The residents of Whitefish and Columbia Falls do not share the same values or interests.

2. Rather than keeping communities of interest together, Map HDP8 put adverse communities together in order to create 2 Democrat House Seats to then create a Democrat Senate seat. The Commission is using average Democrat/Republican numbers in NATIONAL and STATEWIDE elections (43 Democrat to 57 Republican) to represent the number of Democrat/Republican districts that would be representative of Montana. However, the Commission should be using the MONTANA LEGISLATIVE numbers (30 Democrat to 70 Republican) to determine the number of Democrat/Republican districts. The amount of gerrymandering that is taking place to unfairly and unproportionally increase Democrat districts violates the rules.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Carole Montana <montanacarole@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Ravalli County redistricting

I am a Florence MT resident and do not support the way our small rural community is being split and included with urban Missoula! Our school must remain in the greater Ravalli County district!
Ravalli County is the most underrepresented county and I am opposed to this irrational districting lines and lack of representation. Revise immediately please.

Carole Davenport
1086 Granite Creek Rd
Florence MT 59833

406 5528699

Sent from my iPhone

Sherley, Laura

From: mdstirrup@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Map 8 Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
PO Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

December 7, 2022

Comments Map 8

Commissioners,

Thank you for your time and efforts in being on the commission.

As a resident, tax payer and former county commissioner (2002-2018) of Stillwater County I would like to submit the following comments to change Map 8:

- 1) I support minimize the splitting and elongating of the larger municipalities of Missoula and Bozeman/Belgrade. Need to be more compact.
- 2) I agree with keeping the Stillwater/Boulder mines in the counties which are affected.
- 3) I agree with keeping the rural and municipalities separate.

Thank you.

Maureen Davey
51 LE Peterson Rd.
Columbus, Montana 59019

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Margaret S Davis

From: Margaret S Davis blems@aol.com
Residence: Lakeside MT 59922

Message:

HD11 splits the upper west shore of Flathead Lake and southerly portion of Flathead County from the Somers community and other common entities such as Fire, School, and Water and Sewer Districts. Adjusting the western and southern borders of the proposed HD11 could both balance population requirements and bring better focus for our elected representative on shared local issues.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Judith Davis

From: Judith Davis judithdavis406@gmail.com
Residence: Drummond, MT

Message:

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

-Sincerely,
Judith Davis

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 6:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dylan Chance Velasquez Dean

From: Dylan Chance Velasquez Dean dylancvdean@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

The current map, with multiple districts stretching from Bozeman out past Belgrade, is not compact, splits communities, and is a blatant attempt to completely eliminate the voting power of Belgrade. Compactness requires that the districts not do this if possible, and it is possible to design a much better map. On top of these issues, the map could very well be illegal because it doesn't adhere to principles like compactness.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:02 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Dellinger

From: David Dellinger d.t.dellinger@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I feel that we should have districts that are not intentionally so mixed up that a representative would have to have multiple personalities to truly be their representative. In Helena we have districts that 50% of the people live on less than quarter acre lots in city with the others living on enough land to raise chickens have a well, intermittent power and the concerns of one group couldn't raise an eyebrow for the other; they're too different. We need city districts to be city; rural and frontier communities' representation to be more able to hear a consistent message. This gerrymandering is working opposite of that.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:32 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Caitlin Derry

From: Caitlin Derry caitlinderry@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I reviewed the HPD8 redistricting criteria. I think this map comes the closest yet to meeting those criteria and I would feel reasonably confident that Montanans would be represented fairly under this redistricting scenario.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Aaron Derry

From: Aaron Derry aaron_derry@hotmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I have reviewed the proposed redistricting map for house redistricting (HDP8). It looks like it does a good job of keeping within counties and also being fair (although it does favor Republicans with 60 seats with 57% of the votes – but is better than HDP7). It looks like a reasonable compromise. Thanks

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Nickolas L Dirkes

From: Nickolas L Dirkes nick.dirkes@gmail.com
Residence: Glasgow, MT

Message:

Valley County should be left whole. Glasgow is an anchor in NEMT and has no representation and no hope for representation under the current map.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: M Elaine Dodge

From: M Elaine Dodge esrinmt@hotmail.com
Residence: Livingston, MT

Message:

The redistributing plan that is being considered will break Park County as well as other counties across Montana apart and make the borders very irregular.

Please do not adopt the proposed redistributing plan!

Sincerely,
M. Elaine Dodge

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Janet Donahue

From: Janet Donahue jldmontaba@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I am voicing my support for HDP8 as it fairly divides all areas, keeps cities mostly together and doesn't adversely affect any political parties.

Thank you.

Janet Donahue

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jim and Terri Donaldson

From: Jim and Terri Donaldson terridon1947@gmail.com
Residence: Montana City, Montana

Message:

We are residents of Montana City in north Jefferson County. MapHDP8 splits our community in half breaking all your own rules. We are considered a rural area; this map puts half our community in an urban area spread over Lewis and Clark County. This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together. This map also puts Bernice and Basin with Seeley Lake. They are 150 miles apart, this is ridiculous. Map HDP8 disfranchises the residents of Jefferson County by splitting communities of interest, not keeping districts compact and contiguous and mixing urban and rural areas. Please revise this map to fix the problems in Jefferson County and follow the rules for creating legislative districts.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Jim and Terri Donaldson

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tracy L Donaldson

From: Tracy L Donaldson spikegrl@hotmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT 59602

Message:

I support the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission's recent tentative proposal: Montana House Legislative District Map CP-1.

As a resident of current HD 70, I believe the proposed map CP-1 (which would put me in HD 63) is an enormous improvement. The boundaries of HD 63 make sense in grouping together an area with shared characteristics and communities of interest, and importantly keeps HD 63 entirely within the boundaries of Lewis and Clark County.

My preference would be to have new HD 63 paired with one of the adjacent House districts in Lewis and Clark County for a Senate District. I think it could be reasonably paired most appropriately with new HD 66 or 65. I feel that my area has been represented poorly for years, as it has been included in a large geographical area extending down through all of Broadwater County, and paired with another large and sprawling area going all the way to Belgrade to create current SD 35. My Senator has been from Bozeman for all of the time we have lived and worked in the Helena area, with my kids attending East Helena and Helena schools. I look forward to that situation changing for the better.

I also believe that proposed map CP-1 meets the mandatory criteria set forth by the Commission; and it provides the best compromise in offering a reasonable opportunity for fair representation as measured by competitiveness metrics adopted by the Commission. Proposal CP-1 has been developed through many painstaking hours of dedicated effort by and negotiation between Commission members. It is based on mandatory criteria and goals adopted by the Commission; and is informed by months of public comment.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tracy L Donaldson

From: Tracy L Donaldson spikegrl@hotmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I want to make comments on proposed House District Legislative maps. HDP-1 through 6. My review of these maps was during the time of the commission's ongoing meeting last week (Nov. 28-Dec. 1).

I realize that there were 2 additional HDP maps put forth as part of that process; and that there is now one Commission Proposed Map. I plan to study that further and will submit a follow-up comment based on that as well. I do want to put my thoughts on record regarding the maps that were developed in getting to the most current one however, as I understand that changes have occurred throughout the process and further changes may well occur in the coming weeks.

My comments are meant to address the variations in maps for the area specific to where I live, and the proposals to create boundaries for the House Legislative district that I will be voting in for the next 10 years.

I reside a few miles west of Canyon Ferry Dam, north of Canyon Ferry Road. I am a registered voter, my husband and I are property- and home-owners who have lived in our current home for 23 years and raised our family here. My children attended East Helena Schools K-8 and Helena High School 9-12. We work, shop, take care of business and generally live our lives as part of both the Helena and East Helena communities.

– My preferred map is Map #4 (for HD79). I like that it combines my residence and neighboring area with East Helena. East Helena is our nearest community with services, and includes our school district – both of these considerations make it part of our community of interest. I also like that this map keeps my House representation area within Lewis and Clark County.

– I am ok with Maps #2, #3, & #5 (for HD84). I like that these maps keep my House representation district within Lewis and Clark County; and that they reflect the character of the area where we live (rural/suburban commuting to Helena and East Helena for school, work and services). We also live in an area which is characterized by recreational use – accessing local lakes (Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Hauser Lake, Valley Regulating Reservoir, Lake Helena), rivers/streams, and public lands and forests.

– I unequivocally dislike Map #1 (for HD67) and Map #6 (for HD95). These maps completely disconnect our district from both Helena and East Helena, which is not reflective of the reality of our lives or the character of the area which would include our representation. Instead, they lump my home and neighborhood (along with a good chunk of additional suburban/rural area east and northeast of Helena in Lewis & Clark County) in with Broadwater County. Please DO NOT adopt a map with these House Legislative District boundaries.

Thank you for your work on the Districting Commission, and for your consideration.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Rebecca Dupre <rdupre01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:44 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Proposed redistricting map

To Whom It May Concern

I cannot attend the public meeting in Helena this coming weekend, nor can I participate by zoom, on the matter of the proposed gerrymandering map to change Montana's Legislative Districts.

The Supreme Court has yet to make a definitive ruling on partisan gerrymandering as it has for racial gerrymandering, leaving it open to debate and to the States to decide, FOR NOW!

I am writing to say I am opposed to this blatant attempt by any political party to restructure our State's Legislative Districts. The impact, if successful, will harm the rights of voters who go to the polls in good faith and our State House and Senate elections for decades to come. This "us against them" mentality between Democrats and Republicans needs to stop. Stop playing voters like a chess board. I could easily see residents of Montana being forced to sell their homes and move just to be fairly represented if these districts are changed. And when would that ever end? My guess would be every election year someone out there will want to gerrymander Legislative District maps to shift votes for their political party's gain. It would make whole cities, towns and communities basically dominated by one party or another, which interferes with fair voting practices. The Supreme Court has already ruled forbidding gerrymandering for clearly racial reasons. The partisan gerrymandering will be addressed by the Supreme Court at some point because this is creating an imbalance in fair voting to pacify the sore losers on both sides. When the voters speak, there is no longer the respect of the will of the people and working together across party lines for the people who elected the leaders to begin with. No, this begins the manipulation of the system when elections are not in favor of the losing side. The voters are giving each side 4 years to DO IT BETTER and redeem yourselves to earn the vote next time. We already have enough trouble with voter fraud without adding this new dimension to the mix. In my opinion, this proposed map is one more way to ensure division among both Democrats and Republicans and to tip the scales for unfair representation in overseeing voting, making law, enforcing law and even upholding our State and Federal Constitutions with fair checks and balances. Do we really want to see Montana divided up as one partisan areas where someone with opposing views would feel unwelcome to even live or visit? My heart cannot imagine such a thing for the state I love, THE LAST BEST PLACE. As a constituent, I am asking you to vote against this proposed map.

Thank you,
Rebecca Dupre
179 River Run Lane
Libby, MT 59923

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Eckmann

From: Mary Eckmann drmaryeckmann@msn.com
Residence: Montana City

Message:

I do not agree with the redistricting and splitting a community like Montana City into two HD. Please reconsider this.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Gretchen Edelen

From: Gretchen Edelen goedelen@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I am writing to express my support for the tentative redistricting map CP -1. Fair representation can only be achieved with proportional districting. Please vote in support of this proposal. Thank you. Gretchen Edelen

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Sherley, Laura

From: Glenda Edgeworth <gedgeworth@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Redistricting map the one chosen is not a good map HDP8

HDP8 is not the map for Montana. WE NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) keeping the rural and urban communities separate
- 2) keeping communities of interest together
- 3) minimizing splitting of municipalities.

Glenda Edgeworth

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Nicholas Ellerton

From: Nicholas Ellerton ellertonicholas@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

As a student living in Bozeman, the proposed map is absolutely ridiculous. Belgrade is an entirely different town with an entirely different culture. These communities should not be chopped up and combined in a blatant show of gerrymandering.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: William A Ellis

From: William A Ellis billellis58@aol.com
Residence: Miles City

Message:

Dear Districting Commission; Why was map HDP-7 not considered for public comment? Both maps HDP-7 & 8 deserted public comment in order for the public to have input into the districting process.
I fill map HDP-7 is a better map than HDP-8 Map.

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Sherley, Laura

From: bill@the-entwistles.com
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Districting and Apportionment Commission on the legislative maps

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

Bill Entwistle
Helena MT

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:23 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Errol

From: Errol errolrupp@protonmail.com
Residence: Florence Montana

Message:

The proposed rediscatine of Missoula Co. Is not acceptable for a fair nonpartisan committee that is to represent all voters from all parties

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Conrad Evarts

From: Conrad Evarts conradevarts@hotmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

The Democrat map is a no go. The urban gerrymandering is shameless. Rural voters are already getting lost in the noise of Missoula, Bozeman and Helena. Communities should be kept together. Helena in particular is unacceptable. To slice the North Valley into West Helena? Come on.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Chassidy Walsted-Fakler

From: Chassidy Walsted-Fakler chassidy.walsted@gmail.com
Residence: DEER LODGE

Message:

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Will Faulkner

From: Will Faulkner williamcfaulkner@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:
This is blatant gerrymandering and is unacceptable.

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Sherley, Laura

From: toddfinstad@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mitchell Finstad
<toddfinstad@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I am writing to express my support of setting our Senate districts according to HDP-8. It is important to have districts that do not unduly favor either party. Please align the Senate using HDP-8 as you did with the house. Thank you for your hard work
Mitchell Todd Finstad

Sincerely,
Mitchell Finstad
1023 W Diamond St Butte, MT 59701-1401
toddfinstad@hotmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: rfischer94@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roger Fischer <rfischer94@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:12 AM
To: Districting
Subject: I Support Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I saw a t-shirt for sale at the mall the other day. It said, "With guns, we are citizens. Without guns, we are subjects." As the kids say, "You spelled "the right to vote" wrong. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our society, and that's why I am writing to express my support for Legislative Map HDP-8. While the current rhetoric would suggest that compromise is a dirty word, I believe that it is an essential component of living in a democracy. While HDP-8 is a compromise, it also meets all of the adopted criteria and balances goals. A map that is drawn to specifically favor one party is hardly fair. Of all the maps the commission has reviewed, Map HDP-8 splits the fewest counties and municipalities and does the best job of grouping communities of interest together. If we truly want a representative legislative body, the districts should fairly match the overall partisanship of the state so all so the Legislature reflects all Montanans.

Sincerely,
Roger Fischer
4386 Brookside Ln Bozeman, MT 59718-6371 rfischer94@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cameo Flood

From: Cameo Flood cflood@bresnan.net
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

The currently proposed map HDP-8 silences the voice of the many, many rural and suburban residents in Missoula County by overwhelming them with the urban population. We "outskirts" people love the city dwellers, but they don't listen to us very well. We need a few legislators in the county that will give us the time of day. Please consider a plan that keeps more of the city in the same districts instead of spreading them out between every district. HDP-8 also disenfranchises Republicans in Missoula County. It really is rather despicable to try to make Missoula County 100% Democratic districts to make up for the sparse population of Democratic voters in other counties. The Republican population in Missoula is hardly sparse, with probably 30,000 voters, larger than many counties. Don't erase the Republicans. Within the county, it is possible to accommodate Republicans and rural voters, be more competitive, AND maintain the majority/minority District 75. This plan would score better on the metrics of reducing splitting, be more compact, and far less gerrymandered (not unduly favoring one party).

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Theresa Floyd

From: Theresa Floyd threefloyds96@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I write in support of map HDP8.

It meets the agreed-upon criteria: it is fair, splits fewer counties, splits fewer municipalities, has more competitive seats, and is more compact than the Republican counterpart.

I ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mike Foote

From: Mike Foote mfoote396@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

After reviewing HPD8 relative to the redistricting criteria, I think this map comes the closest yet to meeting those criteria and I would feel reasonably confident that Montanans would be represented fairly under this redistricting scenario.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<https://mtredistricting.gov>)

Sherley, Laura

From: Lance Four Star <lancefourstar2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Redistricting

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

- Lance Fourstar

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Nancy Frank

From: Nancy Frank nancoisf@hotmail.com
Residence: Montana City Montana

Message:

My name is Nancy Frank. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

1. Map HDP8 splits the municipality of Montana City in half. The residents of Montana City are in a small rural community which encompasses both the West and East side of the Interstate. Map HDP8 puts most of Jefferson County in HD61 and then takes the West Half of Montana City and puts it in HD68. By doing that, the residents of Montana City are not kept together – the residents in West Montana City are in HD68 and the residents of East Montana City are in HD61.

In looking at Dave's Redistricting, when adding in the city layers, it incorrectly identifies the municipality of Montana City and cannot be relied upon to represent the idea that Map HDP8 keeps the municipality of Montana City together.

2. Map HDP8 separates communities of interest in Montana City. The residents of the West half of Montana City are separated from the residents in the East Half of Montana City when Montana City is split into two districts. Map HDP8 puts the West Half of Montana City in the same HD as West Helena and North Helena in Lewis & Clark County. This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together.

3. Map HDP8 separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder. Map HDP8 puts Basin and Bernice in HD62 which extends all the way from Bernice and Basin in Jefferson County to Seeley Lake in Missoula County! Basin, Bernice and Boulder are small rural municipalities within 10 minutes of each other. The drive from Bernice to Seeley Lake is 2-1/2 hours! This makes no sense!

4. Map HDP8 violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. The Representative from HD62 (formerly HD80) would represent residents of 4 counties (whereas currently represents 2 counties) by adding in small pieces of Jefferson and Missoula Counties. The Representative of HD62 would have to drive through six (6) other districts! to serve the communities of West Montana City, Basin and Bernice. The towns of Bernice and Seeley Lake are separated by 147 miles on the fastest route!

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Jefferson County by cutting the county into three districts, splitting the municipality of Montana City, separating communities of interest throughout Jefferson County, and connecting communities that are great distances apart in interests, mileage and driving time. Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Jefferson County.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Steven Galloway

From: Steven Galloway segdreams@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

Cascade county is being dissected in a bad way! The maps square blocks doesn't follow with mail routing or current district design. The surrounding districts are huge when they could be kept similar to current. There were way better proposals!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:02 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Steven Galloway

From: Steven Galloway segdreams@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls Montana

Message:

Please see Cascade County districts in this map link as it is much more consistent with current districts

<https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::59898d58-e2f1-4304-b4b9-8f7b7e0a5e58>

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:35 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Aaryn Galloway

From: Aaryn Galloway aarynberger@gmail.com
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Keep Lakeside and Somers a community. No redistricting. Leave it how it is!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Stacey Gasta

From: Stacey Gasta staceygasta@gmail.com
Residence: Jefferson City, Montana

Message:

Could someone please provide me with a logical reason for separating communities?

What is the purpose of combining rural and urban communities?

Has anyone given thought to what kind of chaos will this create when it comes to voting?

In my humble opinion, this map is sheer lunacy and if passed will come back to bite us.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tom A Gentry

From: Tom A Gentry tdgentry34@gmail.com
Residence: Corvallis, MT

Message:

As a new Ravalli County citizen, I'm very concerned about the redistricting map that is being considered. We are under represented with over 200 more people per district than most other counties in Montana. This will lessen our voice in legislation and personally, I feel this county cares deeply about what goes on in our state. I had this happen to us in Oregon where we were redistricted, and our conservative vote made no difference.

Please rethink this map. It's not a good representation of the citizens. Thank you.

Respectfully, Tom Gentry

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dana Gentry

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Dana Gentry tdgentry34@gmail.com
Residence: Corvallis MT

Message:

As much as I appreciate your efforts to keep communities in the same districts, Ravalli Co. lost. We are under represented with over 200 more people per district than most other counties in Montana. This will lessen our voice in legislation and personally, I feel this county cares deeply about what goes on in our state.

Please don't be hasty with this. Rethink this map. It's not a good representation of the citizens. Thank you.

Respectfully, Dana Gentry

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Richard I Gibson

From: Richard I Gibson rigibson@earthlink.net
Residence: Butte, Montana 59701

Message:

I write to support the chosen working map (Proposal 8). This map is population-equal, compact, and contiguous, and complies with the Voting Rights Act, while also balancing the Commission's adopted goals. This map splits the fewest counties and municipalities and seems to me to be the least partisan of the proposals.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Evelyn Green

From: Evelyn Green vadreamer4u@aol.com
Residence: SOMERS, Montana

Message:

I am in HD 11. Our community needs to stay the same. We need our fire and rescue close by. We are a ways from Kalispell and Polson. Splitting our district up will put a hardship on our citizens. We just voted in a representative for our community and it is important to us that we stay together and be heard. Please keep our HD 11 as is. Thank you for your time.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Sharon Patton-Griffin

From: Sharon Patton-Griffin pattongriffin@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls, MT

Message:

Dear Redistricting Committee Commissioners:

Thank you for your selection of the proposed Redistricting Map. It best fulfills the goals, as well as the criteria of competitiveness, set for the new Redistricting Map.

Great Falls is a purple town and your map honors that fact by providing purple districts.

Simply, I support the proposed map.

Thank you!

Sharon Patton-Griffin, Ed.D.
256 Dune Drive
Great Falls, Mt 59404
406.899.5917

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Alanah Griffith

From: Alanah Griffith alanah@bigskymtlaw.com
Residence: Gallatin Gateway, MT (really in Big Sky, but GG address)

Message:

Thank you Commission for working so hard on the maps. As you know, I ran for HD 64 this year. I did lose, but I knocked on over 5,000 doors personally, and I now understand so much more about this district. I was very, very happy to see that both maps include all of Big Sky in the district. That is so important as the Big Sky people in Madison County do not have the opportunity to cast an in person vote as they would have to drive all of the way to Ennis to cast the vote, which is an hour away even by Jack Creek. Two if you go around on public roads. With both maps, they can drive 15 minutes to the Water and Sewer district and cast their vote. Thank you (I understand that area is red, but I really don't care. I care most about my neighbors and their wants and needs.) Looking at the maps (7 and 8) just know that I would be happy to run in and represent either of the districts proposed by the parties that include Big Sky. Thank you for making them competitive.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Timmy Grosvold

From: Timmy Grosvold grosvold4@gmail.com
Residence: Anaconda, MT

Message:

Please keep Rep. John Fitzpatrick's house in District 62. Georgetown lake has more in common with Granite county than Deer Lodge county

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lacie Grosvold

From: Lacie Grosvold lacie.grosvold@icloud.com
Residence: Anaconda, MT

Message:

Please move Georgetown Lake and Representative Fitzpatrick's house into House District 62 with Granite County. We want to keep the representative we just elected!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Catherine Grott

From: Catherine Grott cjgrott@gmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

Map CP-1 is the best map to date. It does the best job of meeting the mandatory requirements to be contiguous, compact, and comply with the Voting Rights Act by providing 6 Native American majority districts. It also goes beyond the mandatory requirements to also better address three Commission-adopted goals:

- not giving undue advantage to one political party;
- dividing fewer city, county and reservation boundaries;
- creating more districts that are politically competitive.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carol Gustifson

From: Carol Gustifson carolgus@icloud.com
Residence: Somers, Montans

Message:

I disagree with your plan to redistrict HD11. It doesn't make any sense to move Lakeside area to Ronan area. Let us keep it like it has been.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Eileen Guthrie

From: Eileen Guthrie eileen@wedeliverwellness.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Please adjust the maps for Bozeman and Missoula. Looking like the spokes of a wheel does not fit the legal criteria for a District that is as near as possible the same length and width The numbers can still work fine to be close to equal in the districts. Simply make the circle smaller and put the outlying areas with their neighboring rural areas.

Also, that long, narrow east-west district in the northeast part of the state looks ridiculous! Again, it does not fit the criteria for a district that is as much as possible, the same length and width. Please make appropriate adjustments.

I am a citizen and a voter.

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Sherley, Laura

From: grizinmt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Hagan <grizinmt@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Map HDP-8 treats everyone fairly and meets all the criteria. The Senate map should be drawn the same way.

Sincerely,
Thomas P. Hagan

Sincerely,
Thomas Hagan
664 Preston St Missoula, MT 59804-1167
grizinmt@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: William N Hagen

From: William N Hagen wnhagen@outlook.com
Residence: Bigfork.MT

Message:

The map proposed is purely political. The map tries to make Democrat districts where non exist. This is a terrible map that ignores the Montana law that is the guideline for drawing districts. This must be rejected.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dr. William Hagen

From: Dr. William Hagen wnhagen@outlook.com
Residence: Bigfork Montana

Message:

This map tried to make democrat districts that don't exist. This map is a political mess. Please reject this map and do a fair job like the law suggests

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:18 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Shirley hahn

From: Shirley hahn mtnviewloghomes@gmail.com
Residence: Condon MT

Message:

I would like the districts to remain the way they are. I see no reason to change it. We live remotely and do not get representation. If this is done, I would like to change county lines so I may be in a county that follows an equal balance.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Leigh Hall

From: Leigh Hall leighwygle@gmail.com
Residence: Hamilton

Message:
Map HDP8 needs to be modified.

Keep the rural and urban communities separate.

Keep communities of interest together and minimize the splitting of municipalities.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Morris Hancock

From: Morris Hancock MTVISTA.TIM@GMAIL.COM
Residence: Stevensville, MT

Message:

In reviewing of the map....it would appear Ravalli County is under represented based on our population, while other counties such as Gallatin are fractured appearing to give one party an advantage over the other. Please review and thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: patt HANCOCK

From: patt HANCOCK MTVISTACOS@GMAIL.COM
Residence: Stevensville, MT

Message:

The populations are not equal and I am requesting they are immediately reexamined. Ravalli County is the most underrepresented district and once in place these maps will cause wrongful damage to the people of Ravalli County. I am vehemently apposed this the current maps. I demand that this is done fairly!!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Patricia hancock

From: Patricia hancock MTVISTACOS@GMAIL.COM
Residence: Stevensville, MT

Message:

Ravalli County is severely under and misrepresented. There is over populated districts that are not bipartisan. The maps should fairly represent all people.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Robbie Hapner

From: Robbie Hapner robbiehapner2@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, Montana

Message:

As a resident of Lakeside. I can't understand why Lakeside would become Part of another district than Somers and Kalispell. I voted for Tanner Smyth as my representative and would appreciate it be kept with how I voted. Thanks.

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Sherley, Laura

From: kharbuck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristin Harbuck
<kharbuck@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

HDP8 is a reasonable and fair map. It doesn't favor a single party and gives all Montanans a voice. It splits the fewest larger cities and it keeps communities of interest together. Please approve this map without modifications. Thank you for all of your work on the maps and for approving one that will benefit Montana as a whole.

Sincerely,
Kristin Harbuck
1128 S Cedarview Dr Bozeman, MT 59715-5915 kharbuck@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:34 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary C. Harlow

From: Mary C. Harlow harlow54@msn.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

The realigned redistricting map is the best map to date. I know the committee put in long hours and extra effort to meet the requirements of Montana Redistricting laws without giving undue influence to one party. The new map creates more politically competitive districts. I strongly support this new map. Thank you for your due diligence.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:49 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Hunter Harmon

From: Hunter Harmon h390hunter@gmail.com
Residence: Columbia Falls, Montana

Message:

Columbia Falls does not belong in the same district as Whitefish. That is absurd.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Barbara R Harris

From: Barbara R Harris barb.harris@bresnan.net
Residence: Helena

Message:

I urge you to support the redistricting map that has been presented by the commission. Much thought and work has gone into it and it has met the guidelines provided by our constitution.

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Sherley, Laura

From: adhwk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kim Hawkins <adhwk@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: I support Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your work on the redistricting map. I support HDP-8.

HDP-8 is most fair of the proposed maps. It does not favor 1 party over another and reflects the partisanship of our state. Fewer counties are split, so that more Montanans are fairly represented with the HDP-8 map.

Sincerely,

Kim Hawkins

2070 Cooper St Apt 522 Missoula, MT 59808-2038 adhwk@yahoo.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rick Hays

From: Rick Hays mthays2@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I appreciate everyone's time and effort to get to this point in this critically important process! After I review the various districts and look across them all, I believe Map #8 is the best and fairest representation of Montana. It certainly represents a compromise which I believe is always the best outcome with two or more opposing ideas or objectives.

Map #8 meets the goals of this commission which were what I considered when evaluating these various maps. It provides a good middle ground across the state.

Thanks for allowing public comment on this most important effort!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Joannie Hays

From: Joannie Hays joanielucht@aol.com
Residence: Stevensville, MT. 59870

Message:

I said the populations are not equal and must be immediately re-examined. Also that Ravalli County is the most underrepresented district, and I don't like it because once in place, the damage caused will not be able to be undone. I said I was vehemently opposed.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:33 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth J Heaney

From: Elizabeth J Heaney HireHeaney@gmail.com
Residence: Florence, Montana

Message:

Dear Representative:

I object to the proposed Missoula County map; the proposed map appears to leave 40%-50% of voters disenfranchised as it does not keep communities of interest together. What happened to "The commission shall attempt to minimize dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations when possible"? The proposed Democrat map appears to have districts that are not compact or contiguous and appears to be solely based on competitive districts. This map forces urban areas and rural areas to be in the same districts which does not meet the goal of grouping communities of interest together. This map is off balance and sacrifices Missoula to Democratic control. Please consider revised proposals from Missoula County Republicans for house districts that better meet the commission's criteria.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth J Heaney

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marjean Heisler

From: Marjean Heisler mjhe14@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I am in support of the CP-1 redistricting map option. This option bests meets the goal of not giving either party an undue advantage and creates fewer divisions of cities and counties.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lyn Hellegaard

From: Lyn Hellegaard lyn.hellegaard@legmt.gov
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

The Democrat map forces rural and urban areas to be in the same districts which clearly does not meet the goal of grouping communities of interest together. It disenfranchises rural voters. Please consider revised proposals from Missoula County Republicans for house districts that better meets the commissions criteria. They maintain seats for current incumbents, reduce spreading house districts across multiple counties, maintains a minority/majority seat proposed by commission Democrats, consolidate city limits in fewer house districts (to minimize splitting), and better group communities of interest.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Linda Henderson

From: Linda Henderson linda.henderson801@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support selection of HDP8 as the map to approve for Redistricting the MT House. It meets all agreed upon criteria set by the Redistricting committee. It is more fair, splits fewer counties and municipalities, has more competitive seats and is more compact than the HDP7 map. Please select the HDP8 map to allow voters of MT to have superior choice in our elections, allowing for both Republican and Democrat votes representative of our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Herbst

From: David Herbst herbstd22@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade

Message:

It is outrageous to draw districts that go through Belgrade into downtown Bozeman. We are not the same town; we are entirely different demographically. Districts 47, 48, 49, and 51 wash out Belgrade entirely from representation in Helena. Please re-do this map with better consideration of Belgrade's unique history.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<https://mtredistricting.gov>)

Dear Commission,

Your current tentative map #8 is not acceptable. During your last working session commissioner Kendra Miller stated she took the public's input into consideration and changed the Democrats map to make more compact districts, to keep communities of interest intact, to keep counties and cities from being split and to take into consideration those districts or areas where recruiting new candidates may be difficult.

Did commissioners Miller and Juneau forget about Gallatin County? Or did they intentionally not address those issues in Gallatin?

In map #8 it is more rare than common to find a compact district. Again, just like early drawn democrat maps, most all the districts are narrow and snake through the valley.

In Map #8 Belgrade is again split into multiple districts, while other maps have shown this does not need to be done.

Commissioner Miller and Juneau have not lifted a finger in Gallatin to keep communities of interest like rural farming areas intact. Instead, just like their initial maps, Map #8 lumps these rural areas into Bozeman city districts. Just because a farmer may visit Walmart in Bozeman doesn't mean their votes for legislative representation should be diluted by city voters. The area North of Belgrade is horribly drawn where all the rural folks out Springhill Rd will have their votes diluted by folks near the Bozeman library.

Belgrade is again lumped into Bozeman. Doesn't Bozeman have enough population to draw districts from itself? Why does it need population in Belgrade????

Commissioner Smith, I know that commissioner Stusek and Essman have been working closely with you on trying to create a fair map, I know they have made a lot of concessions, even to the extent of upsetting many in their own party. If you throw their negotiations and work to compromise into the trash, you leave them with little faith and really no incentive to work further to drawing a consensus map.

Placing Belgrade into its own district/s is certainly achievable. Lumping rural Belgrade in with City Belgrade is also very achievable. If Commissioners Miller and Juneau insist on combining rural and city voters then it would be more logical to combine rural and city that have the same Belgrade zipcode and where their children all attend school.

Lastly, I brought this to the commission's attention during an earlier public hearing. Commissioner Miller even questioned me back on it and then said that they will be taking what I said into consideration later on. Well, it is now currently "later on" and this has not been addressed.

The lines in Map #8, exactly the same as earlier Democrat maps, have been carefully crafted to create only ONE solid Republican district fully within the borders of Gallatin County. On the contrary, they have been crafted to include 8 solid Democrat districts fully within the borders of Gallatin County. Based on the living addresses of current Republican legislators, these carefully crafted lines exclude Republican legislators from running in 66% of the red leaning districts in Gallatin just because they would not live within the borders of the district that crosses county lines.

The law says you are not to unduly favor one party over another. By giving Democrat incumbents at least 8 seats within the county borders and Republican incumbents only 1 you are heavily favoring Democrats over Republicans.

These lines can easily be adjusted to allow Republicans to run in the other 66% of red leaning districts. If you believe in not favoring one party over another by carefully boundary crafting their representation out of office, then adjusting these lines would be extremely easy. Additionally, because of the way Districts 55 and 54 are drawn, Gallatin County would have a hard time recruiting even new candidates in these districts because Gallatin County is not given much population in them.

The boundaries of proposed District 42 need to be left out of the city of Bozeman.

Commission, you came up with a congressional map that avoids litigation. I fully believe you can come forward with a legislative map that also avoids litigation. Map #8 does not do this. I am already hearing talks of lawsuits. Please work on this map extensively or adopt another that fits the mandatory criteria more closely including for Gallatin County.

Sincerely,

Jedediah Hinkle

Belgrade

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 5:01 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tom Hogan

From: Tom Hogan TMHogan5@cs.com
Residence: Broadview

Message:

There is absolutely no reason to approve the proposed changes to our state's voting districts other than to assist more Democrats to get into office in what is clearly a Red State that respects the Constitution of the United States of America. Just Say NO to Redistricting.
Thank You

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 6:17 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Bruce Hoiland

From: Bruce Hoiland bjhrjh@hotmail.com
Residence: Roundup

Message:
HDP1 would support our needs in Musselshell County

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tim Holmes

From: Tim Holmes musegaze@yahoo.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I am happy to see the newly proposed map for redistricting. It is more compact and has more competitive seats than the GOP-proposed map, HDP 7. This map is population-equal, compact and contiguous, and complies with the Voting Rights Act, while also balancing the Commission's adopted goals. The tentatively adopted House map splits the fewest counties and municipalities of any proposal that has come before the Commission at any point so far.

Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Barbara Holmes-Smith

From: Barbara Holmes-Smith 56mamallama@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

It is my understanding that map CP-1 is the most fair redistricting map. It is in accordance with norms of fairness and good representation of all people in the state.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:46 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Andy Hunthausen

From: Andy Hunthausen ahunthausen@lccountymt.gov
Residence: Helena

Message:

December 10, 2022

From: Andy Hunthausen – Lewis and Clark County Commissioner
Members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission:

Thank you for your service to Montana. Please accept these comments in reference to the districting map and boundaries that is being presented for public comment on December 10, 2022.

I am in support of the map and district boundaries compromise as it is presented to you today. As an elected official in Lewis and Clark County, the proposed map is much like the current district lines in the Helena area and will help to maintain relative consistency to our local system. The current districts in the Helena area have been working well to provide for competitive races and competent representation in the Montana Legislature. If they are not in need of significant change and the system is working well, why would the commission consider further changing of these boundaries?

The proposed map helps to keep communities of similar interest together in the Helena and East Helena areas and seems to represent the current Lewis and Clark County residents well. As the Helena/East Helena areas transition to a designated metropolitan planning area for the purposes of infrastructure and community development, the consistency of political boundaries will help to support continuity in our joint planning efforts and programs. This map and the consistency and continuity of district boundaries further supports policymakers representing the area beyond physical infrastructure, providing for thoughtful representation related to behavioral health, housing needs, planning and land use.

This map compromise meets all the mandatory and adopted criteria that the Commission has set as goals for this endeavor. The map proposes equal population, compact and contiguous districts, compliance with the voting rights act, splits the fewest counties, and has the most single-county districts of any, yet proposed map.

A compromise map that represents all Montanans and fairly matches the overall partisanship of the State, as well as meets the Commission's mandatory criteria, should be supported.

Thank you to the Commission for working to find compromise and agreement where possible and I strongly encourage support for the proposed district map.

Sincerely,
Andy Hunthausen

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:04 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marlene Hutchins

From: Marlene Hutchins artdogz@gmx.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

This map is balanced while still giving Republicans more weight. The map doesn't split as many counties, and splits fewer municipalities—it keeps the populations together. It's not as spread out as previous maps. It has more competitive seats, and is more compact than the Republican counterpart. I understand it meets every agreed-upon criteria.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: john ilgenfritz

From: john ilgenfritz jgilgenfritz@msn.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

Thanks for the due diligence of the commission and staff on the effort throughout the entire process.

I support the tentative final house map because it divides the fewest counties. With its 60 40 split it seems to adequately reflect Montana voters.

It meets the criteria as well as commission goals and objectives. This tentative map is a compromise. I urge its approval.

Again, thanks for the time, energy and effort that went into this entire process. Get'er done.

Cheers,

john ilgenfritz
Helena, Montana

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:22 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: LaVerne Ivie

From: LaVerne Ivie lmi.9333@yahoo.com
Residence: Broadview

Message:

The draft for review should be put in the garbage. Talk about a partisan map..... this one takes the cake. Also the Supreme Court committee appointee should be replaced by our Governor, she is obviously a democrat hack. In all reality, take a good/unbiased look at the proposed redistricting map,,,,, now take a good look at the map you rejected brought forth by the Republicans. How can you say the present map is a better attempt at redistricting? GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND REJECT THIS CURRENT MAP!!!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Treina Jacobs

From: Treina Jacobs Treinajacobs42@gmail.com
Residence: Somers, Mt

Message:

I disagree with the redistricting of HD11. Somers & Lakeside have many combined interests to break them apart into different districts. They share fire dept, sewer, & schools. This also would add to taxpayer debt and many people that live here would suffer the expense.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:18 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Jacobs

From: Mary Jacobs dmjacobs@bresnan.net
Residence: Somers MT

Message:

I disagree with the redistricting of South Kalispell/Somers/Lakeside (District 11). Somers and Lakeside share Schools/Water and Sewers, Fire Department and QRU. Our communities are combined by design. It is working for us. Please don't mix things up just to please a few people.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Paula Jaconety, Teton County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator

From: Paula Jaconety, Teton County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator pjaconetty@tetoncountymt.gov
Residence: Choteau, MT 59422

Message:

Dear Commissioner:

The proposed house district split of HD 6 splits Teton County and would require several additional costs for the ballots and programming of the voting machines in Teton County as the split would make two house districts. The split does not follow the precinct boundaries making Precinct 7 with two different house districts. I also have a concern with this proposal with HD 7 as Teton County is a rural area and I do not feel we would get fair representation as we do not have the same demographics as the southern area of HD 7. As the election administrator I strongly urge to keep Teton County into one house district. If the committee needs additional information I am available at 406-590-1379 or email at pjaconetty@tetoncountymt.gov.

Sincerely,

Paula Jaconetty

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Candace Jerke

From: Candace Jerke medbow@bresnan.net
Residence: FLORENCE, MT

Message:

I like map HDP8. It is fair and equitable. I live in Ravalli County and have worked in both Ravalli and Missoula County. I am also an election judge. I like that Florence and Stevensville are in the same house district. The maps have made small adjustments for population. In Missoula the districts are representative of the diverse neighborhoods. Yet tie together areas of common interests. Good job, this will make setting up polling places easy.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Bridget Johnson

From: Bridget Johnson Bridget59804@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I'm writing to add my support for HDP8 map because it is more fair, splits fewer counties, splits fewer municipalities, has more competitive seats, and is more compact than other proposals — meeting every agreed-upon criteria.

I also ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission.

Thank you for all your very hard work on this project – so much data to distill and information to absorb. THANK YOU!!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: Noelle Johnson <noleeefb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Curious about...

Committee Members,

I am extremely curious about the "Competitiveness Metric" adopted by the committee on June 3rd.

This metric specifically references the use of previous election results for 10 different races.

In Montana law, MCA 5-1-115 (3)(d), using previous election results may not be considered in the development of a plan.

With how this part of the law reads, the committee is not following Montana state law. How do you respond to this or reconcile this?

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you,
Noelle Johnson
3917 5th Ave. S.
Great Falls, MT

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary I Johnson

From: Mary I Johnson mjirish@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

Please select the map CP – 1. It is the one that best meets the goals established by the commission. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Bridget Johnson <bridget59804@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Support for all your hard work on HDP8

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

**Bridget Johnson
4529 North Ave W
Missoula, MT 59804
406-370-6867**

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cindy Johnson

From: Cindy Johnson cindy.missoula@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula Montan

Message:

I support the tentatively adopted map (HDP8). Please have the Senate districts drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission. There should be no partisan favoritism or gerrymandering. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:21 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Llewelyn Jones

From: Llewelyn Jones ljones@mtbus.net
Residence: Conrad

Message:

A Senate Pairing of HD6 and HD7 would combine largely grain and cattle producing agricultural areas in a manner that makes sense. This pairing offers reasonable access for a Senator to cover what is a larger footprint. This association is the least disruptive relative to the previous pairing footprint.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Emma Rose Jones

From: Emma Rose Jones lkre490@gmail.com
Residence: Bozman

Message:

This map is not an accurate representation of the community that have been split

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dexter Jones

From: Dexter Jones Dexterliam921@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade MT

Message:

As a citizen of Belgrade in the Gallatin county I find this decision ridiculous Bozeman and Belgrade are two different cities and are not a unified super city or makes no sense to redistrict the entire county purely to make House seats a biased leaning district because of seats turning in an election and politicians being pissed off that they lost a seat

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cheryl Jones

From: Cheryl Jones cherrijones@missouristate.edu
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

On review, it is clear that the requirement for districts to be contiguous and compact is better met by Map CP-1, and I urge the Commission to adopt this map. I would also urge the Commission to pair neighboring minority-majority House districts with each other to allow for Native Americans to elect the candidates of their choice to the Montana Senate.

Thank you for your work on behalf of all Montanans!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Nancy Reece Jones

From: Nancy Reece Jones nancyreecejones@gmail.com
Residence: Stevensville, MT

Message:

I support the tentatively adopted map (HDP8) and request that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission. I strongly feel that this redistricting process not unduly favor either party.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Glenn Junkert <javajazzhunter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Tentative Final House Map

I am a lifelong Montana citizen, and have voted in every statewide election since 1969. I advocate a districting plan that represents an honorable compromise and recognizes the rights of all voters equally and fairly.

I support the Tentative Final House map as is.

Respectfully, Glenn R. Junkert

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Josie Kaufman

From: Josie Kaufman josielkaufman@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

The current proposed redrawn map of the Montana house districts is clearly not a compact district representation. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:10 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Clare Kearns

From: Clare Kearns kearns.clare@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

It is important that every Montanan has representation on the state legislature. With the supermajority soon to take over, it is important there be some checks and balance to keep our state from getting too extreme. The map that best protects all Montanans would be the one that gives a fighting chance for a Democrat to win an election. This is more important than the shape of a district.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cathy Kendall

From: Cathy Kendall cathykendall@live.com
Residence: Helena. MT

Message:

I encourage you to support Map CP-1 . It does the best job of meeting the mandatory requirements to be contiguous, compact, and comply with the Voting Rights Act

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rick Kerr

From: Rick Kerr wildlifewatcher@hotmail.com
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:

Upon reviewing both redistricting options for the state, I strongly support HDP8. This redistricting option met every single one of the adopted criteria and goals better than redistricting option HDP7.

HDP8 is fair and tried to keep counties intact. HDP8 made some districts more “competitive” while taking into consideration communities of interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Sherley, Laura

From: kristeen.keup@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristeen Keup
<kristeen.keup@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: I Support Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your diligence and attention to justice and fairness.

I support Map HDP-8, because it is a compromise that meets all of the adopted criteria and balances goals. That seems just and fair.

We need to keep the legislature representative of the people it serves. Map HDP-8 splits the fewest counties and municipalities of any proposal that has come before the Commission and keeps communities of interest together. That seems just and fair.

Both the House and the Senate are statewide maps, and districts should fairly match the overall partisanship of the state to create a representative Legislature that reflects all Montanans. That seems just and fair. Montana voters elect our leaders; politicians do not choose their voters.

I appreciate your willingness to devote your time and energy to this very important work.

As a born and raised Montanan, I love this state and I want Montana to prioritize and to reflect justice and fairness.

With gratitude,

Kris

Sincerely,

Kristeen Keup

2523 Yellowstone Ave Billings, MT 59102-3852 kristeen.keup@fulbrightmail.org

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:15 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Matt Kidd

From: Matt Kidd matt.kidd@outlook.com
Residence: Big Sky, MT

Message:

I do not support the changes from moving Big Sky from HD 71 and 64 to 44. Our current representatives do a great job for Big Sky and we appreciate their support.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:57 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cinnamon Klein

From: Cinnamon Klein cinnamonklein@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:
This is gerrymandering for political gain and it should not go through.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Julie Kleinert

From: Julie Kleinert juliekleinert@me.com
Residence: Sunburst,MT

Message:
I support the compromise map, HDP 8!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: William G Klenn

From: William G Klenn wgklenn@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, Dec. 8, 2022

Thank you for taking my comments on the tentative redistricting map CP-1. And thank you for including the Dave's Redistricting tool on your website. I was unfamiliar with it and it seems to be a worthwhile, non-partisan tool.

Regarding the mandatory criteria for legislative districts:

Map CP-1 does a good job at meeting the requirements of protection of minority rights and being contiguous, and does a better job in population equality than HDP-7.

It also does a much better job of keeping districts compact. Looking at the maps I find it difficult to assess compactness of districts, but the Dave's Redistricting tool indicates map CP-1's districts are substantially more compact.

Regarding the adopted goals for legislative districts:

I consider the first goal to be the most important- no plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party. One of the most important reasons for doing this redistricting is to ensure fair elections. Not favoring one party over another goes a long way towards ensuring that. Map CP-1 does not favor either party, whereas the other map is heavily partisan. Map CP-1 does a much better job of minimizing the division of cities and counties. The close-to-home- example affecting me is the fact that map CP-1 keeps both Gallatin and Park counties intact; HDP-7 splits them into separate districts. Dave's indicates CP-1 does a much better job of keeping city and county boundaries intact.

In conclusion, map CP-1 has numerous strong advantages over all other proposed maps put forward so far. Please adopt it.

And please apply the same reasonable criteria when devising the upcoming Senate district maps.

Thank you for considering my comments and for serving on this commission,

William Klenn
408 Overbrook Drive
Bozeman, 59715

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Alan Kloosterhof

From: Alan Kloosterhof a.kloosterhof@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Proposed Bozeman house destructs are some of the most blatant attempts at gerrymandering I've seen. At least try to be more clever? Seriously, though, this is ridiculous, undemocratic, and unacceptable. How is anyone supposed to take anything you say seriously (in any aspect of life) if you try to pass this off with a straight face. It outs you as conniving liars, period.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:31 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Eric Knutson

From: Eric Knutson ericknutson007@gmail.com
Residence: Dayton, MT

Message:
Leave HD's 11 & 12 as is. Thank you

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Terry Kramer

From: Terry Kramer t.kramer@kramerdesignscorp.com
Residence: Clancy

Message:

Splitting Montana City between two HD is very bad. Keep Montana City together. This is a tight community with common values and interests.

Spanning 4 counties like HD62 is bad. Consider the challenge of replacing Senator Gauthier with just 2 counties GOP Central Committees are involved. Not double that with 4. This is an unforced error.

This redistricting effort does not seem to represent the political split of Montana, where about 70% votes Republican. How did we end up with a Democrat dream proposal?

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:26 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kerry Krebill

From: Kerry Krebill kerrykrebill@aol.com
Residence: Clancy

Message:

CP-1 is the fairest division of Montana for redistricting, the map best meeting all the mandatory requirements and stated goals of this important voting tool. Please choose this map.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 10:42 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jason Krumbeck

From: Jason Krumbeck dptjason@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Urban voters already hold no political power in Montana with state Republican supermajorities. We should not gerrymander urban districts to make them competitive when these districts currently do not have meaningful representation in Helena. Urban districts should not be artificially changed to be more competitive for Republicans at the expense of already disenfranchised voters.

In the 2020 election, Donald Trump won Montana by a margin of about 16 points. The new legislature has margins of 36 points in the Senate and 38 points in the House. Attempting to INCREASE those margins at the expense of 40.5% of the population that now holds no voice in Helena is unconscionable.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Alan Lackey

From: Alan Lackey alankl@protonmail.com
Residence: Stevensville, Montana

Message:

These are my concerns regarding Map HDP8. First, urban and rural communities are not made to mix. They are separate for a reason. People have the right to choose city or country and their values are different. Small communities make up why Montana is great and the last best place. Florence should not be added to Missoula and Ravalli County is not equally represented population-wise. We are under represented.

Sincerely
Alan Lackey

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Terri Lackey

From: Terri Lackey tlackey0505@protonmail.com
Residence: Stevensville, Montana

Message:

These are my concerns regarding Map HDP8. Montana is growing at a rate that most of we "natives" do not like and the map you have chosen mixes what makes Montana great; Rural and Urban communities. These two communities make it available to Montanans to make a choice as to whether or not they want to live among people or have a piece all to themselves. These two should not be mixed. Montana is also very community minded and those small groups of people want to remain just that; small. Small communities share like interests and when that gets enlarged the communities lose. A specific area in the map chosen would put Florence in the Missoula community. Those are exactly what I referenced above. Two totally separate communities and they should not be mixed. Florence already is a part of Lolo which seems to work just fine. Ravalli County needs to be equalized population wise. We are under-represented.

Thank you for putting Montana 1st!

A Montana Native

Terri Lackey

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Wanda LaCroix

From: Wanda LaCroix kittywampus63@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I am asking that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:21 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary LaPorte

From: Mary LaPorte marylaporte53@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I am in support of the legislative district map CP-1
I believe this is the fairest map
Thanks to the Commission for your work
Mary LaPorte
Missoula

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jeff Larsen

From: Jeff Larsen jlarsen@montanasky.net
Residence: Lakeside

Message:

The proposed map HDP8 should be rejected and revised. The map violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together. It puts the municipalities of Whitefish and Columbia Falls in the same district (HD98). WF and CF are vastly different in their interest and should not be paired together. They do not share the same values and interests.

It is obvious that HDP8 has put adverse communities together in a partisan attempt to create 2 Democrat House seats and then create a Democrat Senate seat. The map's substantial gerrymandering is an attempt to water down the voices of rural residents by gerrymandering so that cities where there are more democrats will water down the representation of rural residents where more Republicans reside. It is apparent that this map is an attempt to create more democrat seats for partisan purposes and not a map that represents the make up of the state Montana's communities and population and the current approximately 70/30, R/D proportion across the state of Montana.

Please modify this map so that it represents the make up of the Montana citizens and eliminates the tremendous partisan gerrymandering.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:34 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Einar M. Larsen

From: Einar M. Larsen ejlarsen1973@q.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:
I support Tentative Map CP-1

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Russell Lawrence

From: Russell Lawrence russworks@outlook.com
Residence: Hamilton Montana

Message:

I am in favor of Tentative Commission Proposal 1, or any similar map that includes competitive districts such as HD 070. I am a resident of Hamilton, and it has been a very long time since I felt my voice was heard in the Montana legislature. This proposal offers a chance for that. I understand that "compact and contiguous" are important criteria, but these maps are not about "districts," they are about "representation," and that should be the first criterion. The legislature should look like and REPRESENT all of Montana. Tentative Commission Proposal 1 fulfills that purpose and need.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Colby Lenz

From: Colby Lenz montana4me@hotmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:

Lakeside, Somers and Lower Valley should remain in their current house district. We have a common school district, fire department, chamber of commerce and a long-standing sense of community and associated ties. It would best reflect our values and representation to not have a district line drawn between these communities.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Janie M Lewer

From: Janie M Lewer janielewer@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:

I strongly object to the redistricting map that has been proposed. Lakeside and Somers are often times considered One Community. We share infrastructure – Fire and Schools. Additionally we act as One Community with the Lakeside Somers Chamber of Commerce. To split up these two communities might seem to make sense in looking at a map & not understanding the true nature of our communities. If the commission would explore the partnership of the communities, they would realize that this is not appropriate.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Toby Liechti

From: Toby Liechti tobias.liechti@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:

This map is in no way, shape or form a "compact" district. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Lode

From: Mary Lode dogone@ttc-cmc.net
Residence: Harlowton

Message:

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

The proposed map put forward and moving forward is just blatantly skewed to suppress representation of conservative Montanans. I thought this commission was supposed to be non-partisan? This map looks to be drawn up by democrats with no input from conservatives and if it were a map so skewed to the conservative advantage, it would have never seen the light of day. There were several maps put forth that are far more non-partisan than this proposal. This isn't rocket science to divide MT into districts that actually represent the areas and people of this state.

Mary Lode

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:46 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Ellen Lomega

From: Ellen Lomega elomega@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Please support HDP8 proposed by MT Democrats to provide accurate representation of MT residents. This option is splits fewer counties and municipalities, provides more competition and is the most compact option. It meets every agreed-upon criteria.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:16 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marlette Louisin

From: Marlette Louisin momlouisin@icloud.com
Residence: 221 Pennant Ln Lakeside MT

Message:

The possibility of redistricting the west side of Flathead Lake into a single district doesn't take into account the differences in needs or population numbers along the stretch of Hwy 93!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kathy Love

From: Kathy Love 0217klove@gmail.com
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

After reviewing the map, I am wondering why the Bitterroot districts are so under represented? The population in each district is way over what they should be! When you compare those to other counties it is way out of proportion! Needs to be corrected!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jeff Luellen

From: Jeff Luellen jeff@luellen.com
Residence: Belgrade

Message:

I suggest that the commission adopt an objective method to determine the compactness of the proposed new districts.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Scott A. Lyons

From: Scott A. Lyons scottalanlyons@yahoo.com
Residence: Philipsburg, MT

Message:

I have lived in Philipsburg for 8.5 years, after moving here with my wife and four children from Texas, and currently serve as President of the Philipsburg Town Council. This is the first time in those 8.5 years that I and the rest of Granite County have been represented in the state legislature by someone, that being John Fitzpatrick, who actually lives in and cares deeply about Philipsburg and Granite County. Also, the Georgetown Lake Community is exactly that – a community, and splitting it up into two different legislative districts is not appropriate, especially when on the surface, it appears as though it is being done to specifically carve Rep. Fitzpatrick's home out of House District 62. Please redraw House District 62 so that the entirety of the Georgetown Lake community and Rep. Fitzpatrick's house are contained therein.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth Madden

From: Elizabeth Madden bethmadden64@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing in support of redistricting Map CP-1 (formerly HDP-8). This map is more compact, intersects fewer county and city boundaries, and has more competitive districts (ten). Map CP-1 best meets the goals of your Commission by not giving undue advantage to one political party and dividing fewer cities, counties and reservations. And very importantly – it creates more districts that are competitive, which is so important to a healthy and strong Montana!

In contrast, Map HDP-7 is less compact, intersects more city and county boundaries, and has fewer competitive districts (seven).

I really appreciate the unbiased analytical tools that Dave's Redistricting uses to assess competitiveness in districts around the country, and was pleased to see your use of them and instructions for our use on your website. I could not find any measures by which Map HDP-7 is better than Map CP-1.

Lastly, when you move on to working on the Senate maps, I ask you to consider pairing neighboring minority-majority house districts so that Native Americans will be able to elect some leadership for themselves in the Senate. And please create as many competitive Senate districts as is possible with your definition of competitiveness.

Thank you so much for your role in this difficult and important process on behalf of all Montanans!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Madden

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marty Malone

From: Marty Malone Dogrockranch@gmail.com
Residence: Pray MT

Message:

Splitting rural Park County is inappropriate. The citizens of Gardiner will have no representation. Keep Park and Sweetgrass Counties locally represented. As they have been since 1972.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 6:42 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Forrest Mandeville

From: Forrest Mandeville forrestmandeville@gmail.com
Residence: Columbus, MT

Message:

Many proposed districts are not compact. This will lead to confusion for voters about which district they live in. The salamander districts reaching from Bozeman to Belgrade are especially egregious.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Zachary Manger

From: Zachary Manger zach@manger.us
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

As a citizen interested in seeing our state and nation move forward with a more civil and fair political discourse, I ask the committee to vote in favor of district map CP-1. According to collected data, the CP-1 map for voting districts allows for a more fair definition of voting districts and would encourage a more lively dialogue between candidates, who would be obligated to acknowledge the thoughts and desires of a more diverse group of citizens. I feel that now, perhaps more than any other time in recent history, both citizens and elected officials alike must do more to not only understand those whose opinions do not match their own, but to see the validity of these opinions and seek a path forward which seeks to achieve the best possible result for the majority of the populace. Now is a time to look with generosity beyond our own self interest in order to propel our country toward ideals of freedom and equality not just for a select few, but for all, regardless of the racial, religious, economic, gender or sexual identification of the individual. CP-1 offers the best chance of accomplishing the noble aims which we as a nation claim to espouse.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Julie Martin

From: Julie Martin julesrnacn@protonmail.com
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing to challenge the partisan motion to move forward with the Democrat Commission members' proposed map for Montana's legislative districts. Anyone viewing this absurd map can see it is a blatant attempt by the Democrats to make sure the districts are as tilted toward them as possible. And districts like the proposed district 2, would in no way properly be represented, when you have a long, narrow district that stretches across multiple counties. In what way would such a district be considered reasonable? And this is only one example in a plethora of absurdities. If such a proposal were made by the Republicans, they would be rightfully called out and the map would never be considered. It is very telling that such a ridiculous offering is not only being considered, but has actually moved forward. This is no way properly represents Montanans and is a travesty of the setup of proper, truly representative districts. I am writing to challenge you to DO better and DEMAND better from BOTH parties.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Martin, RN, BSN, ACN

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:21 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Stephen Martin

From: Stephen Martin martss@protonmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, Montana

Message:

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing to challenge the partisan motion to move forward with the Democrat Commission members' proposed map for Montana's legislative districts. Anyone viewing this absurd map, can see it is a blatant attempt by the Democrats to make sure the districts are as tilted toward them as possible. And districts like the proposed district 2, would in no way properly be represented, when you have a long, narrow district that stretches across multiple counties. In what way would such a district be considered reasonable? And this is only one example in a plethora of absurdities. If such a proposal were made by the Republicans, they would be rightfully called out and the map would never be considered. It is very telling that such a ridiculous offering is not only being considered, but has actually moved forward. This is no way properly represents Montanans and is a travesty of the setup of proper, truly representative districts. I am writing to challenge you to DO better and DEMAND better from BOTH parties.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Martin

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Donna Lee Martin

From: Donna Lee Martin donnalee6259@gmail.com
Residence: Libby, Montana

Message:

I want to heartily Thank the Commission! I was late to the game and didn't give my input until the last couple days of the work session.

Even so, I felt that my comments about Lincoln County were heard and responded to. It makes much more sense to have Lincoln County paired with western Flathead County than with northwestern Sanders County.

I'm pretty sure Sanders County must also appreciate being kept more intact.

With the addition of the Marion and Little Bitterroot Lake areas to the southeastern part of Lincoln County, the pairing of the Troy and Eureka areas – especially keeping the Bull Lake area whole with Troy – to make a northwestern district actually made more sense.

Also, with this map the 2 districts are more equal in geographic area than previously. Candidates will still have to get to know and represent disparate communities, but that will be true in both districts.

Again, Thank You! I doubt that Lincoln County was among your highest priorities since the votes here won't make much difference in the eventual overall makeup of the Montana Legislature. But, we appreciate being given thoughtful consideration!

I do so appreciate the long, hard, tedious work you all have put into this process. I hope that no further major adjustments need to be made overall. This map doesn't give anyone everything they want, but it is a fair compromise.

It seems to me, the only way real progress can be made toward the welfare of the whole of the Montana we all love is for people of good faith to work together and be willing to compromise.

Sincerely,

Donna Martin

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:54 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Corlene Martin

From: Corlene Martin corlene@3rivers.net
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:
Regarding HDP8, I think it works out about as well as we can expect.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Brian D. McCollom

From: Brian D. McCollom mcollom@3rivers.net
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting maps. You have split Teton County in half, diluting our rural voice. My district would now encompass suburban Helena, of which our rural county has nothing in common. This is a poorly drawn map and needs to be redone. Do not split our county and dilute our voice in Helena.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cody McCracken

From: Cody McCracken codydmccracken@gmail.com
Residence: Chinook, MT

Message:

Overall, this map seems promising as it appears to increase the number of overall competitive districts either party may be able to win. However, I am concerned by a number of districts that divide lie communities.

One such case is my hometown of Chinook. As the district is currently depicted, a majority of Chinook is in the same district as Malta, Chester, Dodson, and parts of Glasgow; towns Chinook residents rarely if ever visit or interact with. Meanwhile the remainder of Chinook and the towns of Havre and Harlem, the nearest towns which Chinook residents visit frequently have very similar interests are in separate districts and will likely be in separate senate districts once again. Instead of these intertwined communities being represented together, their interests will be split and diluted by unlike areas. As this currently stands it leaves Chinook with representation from towns hours away that have no interest in and never even visit our town. I would encourage these districts to be changed or at least the senate districts to be drawn with this input in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Teresa menicucci <tmenicucci@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Map

Map. Don't divide cities ever. It would be good to have a balance of parties so no particular one is favored

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Graham Meyer

From: Graham Meyer grahammeyer861@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

This map is clearly not a compact district. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better. Montana State being its own house district also makes no sense, college students, a lot of whom are from out of state, should not have that level of influence on local elections.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: DAVID MIHALIC

From: DAVID MIHALIC davemihalic@bresnan.net
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

I believe this final proposed redistricting map is the most distorted, unfair, and openly skewed and political map, favoring a single party, resulting from a process that, from the beginning, is a product of conspiracy, collusion and illegality, that I have ever seen in Montana politics. Further, if adopted, this will be divisive to Montanans as a community and will result in enmity, distrust and even more ill will among us all.

Shame on you!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Shirley B Miller

From: Shirley B Miller mtazmiller@protonmail.com
Residence: Montana City, MT

Message:

This is in regard to Proposed Map HDP8. It divides Montana City into two different districts. Then it adds Seeley Lake to one half of Montana City, and Jefferson County into three different districts. This is not good because it prevents the citizens of Jefferson County to work together on problems they have or new ideas they would like to initiate.

Basin and Bernice are separated from Boulder to also be placed in a new district with Seeley Lake. That does not sound like a good idea to place them together when they are so far apart.

Seeley Lake has some winter roads that are not so easily travelled to, so they would not know each other and wouldn't be able to work together. They would not have the same interests.

The Proposed May MDP8 splits Jefferson County into three separate districts with more traveling to work together and not having the same problems.

I would hope Montana citizens, who know how far apart areas are, would be able to find a Map that would be more appropriate for all.

Thank you for considering my thoughts about this.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jacob Minten

From: Jacob Minten minten.asian@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

I think it's pretty obvious the proposed district lines are set up to favor a specific party. Please allow our citizens to vote fairly.

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Sherley, Laura

From: brendamoen691@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brenda Moen <brendamoen691@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:57 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Please Support Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.I am writing to urge you to support Legislative map HDP-8. I believe it follows the criteria outlined by the commission and allows all Montana citizens to have a say in selecting our leaders and having our voices heard. I am an informed, active citizen in this great state, but feel that all too often my voice is ignored by some legislators in favor of a predetermined agenda. If our state is going to represent every citizen, our elections must be beyond reproach in ensuring that both House and Senate maps are drawn fairly so that the voters decide the best candidate in competitive races for office. HDP-8 is a fair compromise that takes all criteria into account and does not favor either party, which must be the highest priority to be sure Montanans can trust their elected leaders to speak with the assurance that they were elected fairly to represent all voters, regardless of party. This is the most basic task of democracy. Thank you for your time and commitment to ensuring free and fair elections in Montana by supporting HDP-8 as is currently written.

Sincerely,

Brenda Moen

1186 Falling Leaf Ct Whitefish, MT 59937-9011 brendamoen691@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carl Mohler jr

From: Carl Mohler jr mohlerbud@gmail.com
Residence: THREE FORKS

Message:
Leave the district maps as they are.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth Moisan

From: Elizabeth Moisan liz.moisan@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

The decision should be made that does not favor one party over the other. We have enough partisan arguments, this should follow criteria that was agreed upon. It must be fair, split fewer counties, split fewer municipalities, and has more competitive seats. I have no interest in being the kind of state that allows redistricting to limit the power of minorities, and favor those with money and power already. Do what is right for Montana. Thank you

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Abby Moscatel

From: Abby Moscatel abbymoscatel@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:

I am writing to oppose the proposed redistricting of my district, HD11. Lakeside/Somers is one inextricably linked community. We must remain whole and part of HD11. I trust this is merely an oversight. Please keep HD11 whole. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Renae Munson

From: Renae Munson rrmunson@msn.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:
I'm opposed the the redistricting as proposed.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Frank & Mary Mutch

From: Frank & Mary Mutch mutchs@gmail.com
Residence: Polson, Montana

Message:

The Commission was fair on the US Congressional distracting decision. Thanks
WE cannot find the final map nor how to email today about the state legislature redistricting. First of all, why change? The old map while not perfect was something we were used to. We saw a map last night that was supposedly the final one which splits Polson and creates some illogical east shore and west shore districts. You should know that the S. half of Flathead lake is one homogeneous community unit with very little relationship in terms of demographics, income, interests, economics, shopping and cultural and other interests as contrasted sharply with the north end of the lake. It is illogical and arbitrary to divide this area east from west. The south half of the lake and the reservation area should be kept intact. We therefore protest this part of the new map and have always preferred map 4 of the earlier options and just have to wonder if this is a clear case of gerrymandering with a very questionable rationale. The established criterion for redistricting seem to be ignored. Thanks, Frank & Mary

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Judy Nakagawa

From: Judy Nakagawa pvarp_50@yahoo.com
Residence: Helena Mt

Message:

The proposed map divides East Helena and does not serve the residents of Montana well. Urban and rural areas need to be kept separate but not split up in my opinion. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sherley, Laura

From: erinnuzzo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erin Nuzzo <erinnuzzo@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:00 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.I am writing to ask that you support Map HDP-8 when considering Montana's legislative redistricting map. As someone born in raised in Montana, it is important to me that I be represented in the state legislature, and that the Senate pairings follow the Commission's adopted criteria and goals like the House map and shouldn't be drawn to unduly favor either party. Both the House and Senate are statewide maps, and the districts should fairly match the overall partisanship of the state so all so the Legislature reflects all Montanans. Map HDP-8 does the following:

- Map HDP-8 is a compromise that meets all of the adopted criteria and balances goals. Making changes to further advantage one party at the expense of meeting the criteria is wrong.
- Map HDP-8 splits the fewest counties and municipalities of any proposal that has come before the Commission.
- Map HDP-8 keeps communities of interest together.

Thank you so much for your consideration and I look forward to seeing how you vote on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Erin Nuzzo
9490 Highway 200 Bonner, MT 59823-8514
erinnuzzo@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Robert Oaks

From: Robert Oaks bob.oaks@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:
I fully support the Chair's recommendation for redistricting.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Greg and Jo <chiropracticfan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Redistricting changes

Do not cross the river between Shepherd and Huntley. In the Billings Heights for District 26 the river was your boundary. The little bit land of crossing the river north of Huntley that zigzags to Worden is a completely separate school district and is a significant rivalry. Use the river as the boundary.

Using Shepherd road splits the Shepherd community into two districts. These people have the same common diversity and same needs.

I recommend that you move the east line of proposed District 27 east to river and shift the line that currently runs North of Huntley east to Bundy road and move that line /area north to the river to meet Yellowstone river as boundary.

You need to move proposed District 27 east line back to west to only run along the Roundup highway from north edge of proposed district 26 to Shepherd Acton road. The area that is now cut off of 27 should be included in 39 and with the river being the most east boundary of 39. It may be necessary to shift the above new district 27 Roundup highway boundary line a bit back to the east to take in the two residential areas that run off of and along the Roundup highway. The areas of Lavina and Ryegate should be moved back to proposed district 16 and Big Timber plus the area to north also put into proposed 16 so as not to divide community or perhaps just shift the area on north side of Big Timber into 41 as needed as an offset to adding Ryegate and Lavina into 16.

You talked strongly about not having long strip precincts in Bozeman and Great Falls and changed most of them. One strip in Bozeman goes all the way to Belgrade. It appears just to make it a Dem leaning or dominant district. There a couple in Billings as well. You should be more consistent.

Thank you
Rep. Greg Oblander HD 40

Sent from my iPhone

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dylan O'Brien

From: Dylan O'Brien dylanmobrien243@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

Hello,

I'm leaving a comment as the new proposed boundaries around Bozeman and Belgrade are odd. As the redistributing guidelines say communities should not be split up, it seems odd that Bozeman and Belgrade have several districts that split both municipalities. Both of these communities are different and do not represent each other.

These new districts combine different communities that have different desires for their elected representatives. So I feel that these districts as drawn should not be implemented.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 11:12 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Christal & Shannon O'Connell

From: Christal & Shannon O'Connell paradisemail@me.com
Residence: Emigrant, MT

Message:

We do not want HDP 3 and HDP4 maps that divides Emigrant and Park County in half and adds Red Lodge that is many counties away and 3.5 hour drive away.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 11:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dan & Val O'Connell

From: Dan & Val O'Connell dko@mac.com
Residence: Emigrant, Montana

Message:

Throw out maps HDP 2 and HDP3. Do not divide Park County and Emigrant in half and do not add Red lodge that is 3.5 hours drive away from us. Both are crazy evil maps!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:40 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: John T O'Connor

From: John T O'Connor jtocon@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

HDP 8 is the best of the submitted options for meeting the criteria outlined by the commission. Let's keep Montana politics fair and balanced. I am voicing strong support for adopting HDP 8.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: L Olson

From: L Olson lucretia.o@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support HDP8 and ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party. This map is more competitive, compact, and splits fewer counties than the alternatives.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:11 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rebecca Ondov

From: Rebecca Ondov contact@rebeccaondov.com
Residence: Corvallis, MT

Message:

Dear Apportionment Commission and Montana Districting, I can't wrap my mind around how disjointed and fragmented the map is, which was proposed by the Democrat Commission members. How could a district like their proposed 2 make sense? It's stretched across several counties, just a narrow ribbon! And that's not the only proposed nonsensical district.

This map in NO way represents the people of Montana. It looks more like a power grab.

How could this even be considered?

I am strongly opposed to this,

Sincerely, Rebecca Ondov

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Daniel E O'Neil

From: Daniel E O'Neil danoneil@reagan.com
Residence: REED POINT, MT

Message:

It is my understanding that map 8 is considered the latest proposed redistricting map. There are 2 areas where I am in disagreement with the boundaries: House Districts 77 and 79 near Missoula. And House districts 47, 48 and 50 near Bozeman. These have become "long, skinny" districts. I believe they need to be changed to more "compact" districts. Long and skinny is obviously for the purpose of Gerrymandering. Let's not make Montana like New York or Illinois in terms of Gerrymandering.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Rick Ost <ost@nemont.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Districting
Subject: redistricting

Hello,

I know that you have a difficult task to redistrict. One of the most important criteria to me would be; What area set aside for a district would allow for its representative to more naturally be able to interact with the people of its district on a daily ba

Sherley, Laura

From: Rick Ost <ost@nemont.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: redistricting

Hello,

I know that you have a difficult task to redistrict. One of the most important criteria to me would be; What area set aside for a district would allow for its representative to more naturally be able to interact with the people of its district on a daily basis. Thus increasing the odds of more people knowing that representative personally. I think House Proposal #1 is the closes so far.

Thank you,

Rick Ost

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:12 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Paul Pacini

From: Paul Pacini ppacini47@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:
Support CP-1

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Paul Pacini

From: Paul Pacini ppacini47@gmail.com
Residence: MT

Message:
I support the tentative Map CP-1 as the most fair districting in Montana.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 5:30 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Brookelyn Palin

From: Brookelyn Palin palinbrookelyn@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Please do not redraw the house districts to incorporate both Bozeman and Belgrade. This is textbook gerrymandering. We need to respect and protect the voters in both towns. These voters have very different views, wants and needs. The redrawing of the districts will suffocate Belgrade voters and will not allow their voices to be heard. Represent and stand behind your constituency!!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Thomas Parell

From: Thomas Parell tparell@yahoo.com
Residence: Conner MT

Message:

Please do not split up our county. Lolo should not be associated with Florence. They are in different counties. One vote one voter. I do not trust this ongoing process. There appears to be a significant amount of sway by each party to adversely influence the voters in each district. Keep it simple.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Vincent Pecoraro

From: Vincent Pecoraro vpecoraro1@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My comment is in support of the Democrat's redistricting map HDP8. It's obvious to me that, unlike when I lived in Phoenix AZ where Republicans have a super majority but shit gets done, the Republican party in Montana is destroying the state and instituting ultra fascist laws. Montana currently resembles what life in Russia must be like. This is such a shit hole state that Democrats couldn't do any worse.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:32 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Bethany C Penhall

From: Bethany C Penhall blairbethany@gmail.com
Residence: KALISPELL

Message:

I oppose the redistricting map, which splits the Somers/lakeside HD11. Services for those areas are intact and need to remain that way.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Julie Perchy

From: Julie Perchy julie@nextrnd.com
Residence: MT

Message:

Good Afternoon,

I want to let you know that the suggested map HDP8 will be a negative for our communities of Whitefish and Columbia Falls. Historically our communities have been and ARE rivals. We have a different socioeconomic base. Rival schools, Cats vs Dawgs. As a member of the community that would be affected I can't express enough about how changing the map would be harmful. This map, HDP8, is BAD for the area.

We should keep communities of interest together. This map is representative of gerrymandering and is unfairly increasing Democrat Districts.

Please use the Montana Legislative numbers and leave our district map alone.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Andrew Clarence Peterson

From: Andrew Clarence Peterson acpete221@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I am concerned that the redistricting plans being seriously considered will disenfranchise me and others who do not agree with the policies and practices of the democratic party. Missoula is already a democratic stronghold, thus, it is important to assure that those with other points of view have a meaningful opportunity to be elected. Please be more objective in your efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of my point of view.

Andy Peterson

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Malcolm Dean Peterson

From: Malcolm Dean Peterson malcolmpdb3@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

These new lines in regards to Bozeman and Belgrade are incredibly gerrymandered. why would you take slivers of the two towns and combine them? I do not want the voters of Bozeman to drown out the voice of Belgrade voters.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Weiss, Rachel
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Districting
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps

-----Original Message-----

From: Casey Phalen <crdiokc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:34 AM
To: rweiss@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps

As a Montana voter I am apposed of the Democratic map. Please reconsider and vote on the republican map.

Casey Phalen
607 S. Cottage Grv
Miles City MT 59301

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Becky Piske

From: Becky Piske bekyjpiske@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I request you support Tentative Map CP-1 and encourage fair Senate districts. Please help Montana remain a state that represents all of us.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Becky Piske

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Sherley, Laura

From: Carol Price <mcprice2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Map HDP8

My name is Carol Price. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

1. **Map HDP8 splits the municipality of Montana City in half.** The residents of Montana City are in a small rural community which encompasses both the West and East side of the Interstate. Map HDP8 puts most of Jefferson County in HD61 and then takes the West Half of Montana City and puts it in HD68. By doing that, the residents of Montana City are not kept together – the residents in West Montana City are in HD68 and the residents of East Montana City are in HD61.

In looking at Dave’s Redistricting, when adding in the city layers, it incorrectly identifies the municipality of Montana City and cannot be relied upon to represent the idea that Map HDP8 keeps the municipality of Montana City together.

2. **Map HDP8 separates communities of interest in Montana City.** The residents of the West half of Montana City are separated from the residents in the East Half of Montana City when Montana City is split into two districts. Map HDP8 puts the West Half of Montana City in the same HD as West Helena and North Helena in Lewis & Clark County. This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together.

3. **Map HDP8 separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder.** Map HDP8 puts Basin and Bernice in HD62 which extends all the way from Bernice and Basin in Jefferson County to Seeley Lake in Missoula County! Basin, Bernice and Boulder are small rural municipalities within 10 minutes of each other. The drive from Bernice to Seeley Lake is 2-1/2 hours! This makes no sense!

4. **Map HDP8 violates the rule of compactness and contiguous.** The Representative from HD62 (formerly HD80) would represent residents of 4 counties (whereas currently represents 2 counties) by adding in small pieces of Jefferson and Missoula Counties. The Representative of HD62 would have to drive through **six (6) other districts!** to serve the communities of West Montana City, Basin and Bernice. The towns of Bernice and Seeley Lake are separated by 147 miles on the fastest route!

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Jefferson County by cutting the county into three districts, splitting the municipality of Montana City, separating communities of interest throughout Jefferson County, and connecting communities that are great distances apart in interests, mileage and driving time. Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Jefferson County.

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jennifer Prinzing

From: Jennifer Prinzing jenn.prinzing@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:
Hello MDAC,

I'm writing to ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party. HDP8 meets each goal better than HDP7 in every quantifiable way. A fair map is a crucial part of fair elections.

Thank you,
jenn

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Brandon Prinzing

From: Brandon Prinzing brandon.prinzing@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:
Hello MDAC,

I'm writing to ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party. HDP8 meets each goal better than HDP7 in every quantifiable way. A fair map is a crucial part of fair elections.

Thank you,
Brandon

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Pam Purinton

From: Pam Purinton pampurinton@gmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

My preferences with redistricting are 1) group the counties/municipalities of common interests. In doing this, it is important to 2) keep urban and rural areas separate. Another area of concern would be 3) minimize splitting municipalities.

Thank you

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Sonya S Quackenbush

From: Sonya S Quackenbush sonyaquack@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Please follow the goals of the commission and keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact when drawing new districts. Clearly, the only two maps that hold to these goals are the 2 submitted by Commissioners Stusek and Essman. The other 2 maps are boldly drawn to lump areas together where there is little, if any, common interest. The temporary college student does not understand the issues of the long-time rancher located two hours away – yet they could be in the same legislative district? Insane. Keep our Rural communities intact so that they can elect representation that best carries their voice to Helena. Rural communities are already outnumbered, based on sheer numbers. But they need a voice. Give them districts that are best defined by boundaries that keep them together and not lumped in with cities. Please consider the more fairly drawn maps of Comm Stusek and Essman. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MW Radz <mwradz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Re-districting

Appears this 'commission' is ignorant to the fact that Montana is now firmly a 'red' 'conservative' state! That is a direct result of hard radical partisan nature of liberal Democrats across the country. As liberals push their failing socialist-leftist agenda, more and more Americans, like myself, have [and will continue] to flee blue city & blue state cess-pools, escaping to freedom loving red-state safe havens such as Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. This is inevitable, a destiny that is unstoppable! You reap what you sow!!

Mark Radzwion
688 Lime Butte Rd
Troy MT 59935
mwradz@gmail.com
406.885.1972

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:31 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kathleen Ralph

From: Kathleen Ralph k.a.ralph@gmail.com
Residence: Columbus, MT

Message:

I support Map CP-1 and urge its adoption. CP-1 is more compact, better meets mandatory criteria (contiguous, compact districts meeting Voting Rights Act by including 6 minority majority districts. CP-1 also better addresses the goals the Commission itself adopted unanimously: not giving undue political advantage, dividing fewer cities, counties and reservations and creating more competitive districts. Map CP-1 is clearly the best map.

I also urge the Commission to create fair Senate districts by pairing neighboring minority-majority House districts with each other such that Native Americans can elect candidates of their choice to the MT Senate (a minimum of four Senators). The Senate districts should also minimize undue advantage to one political party by pairing remaining districts to allow the Senate to reflect partisan voting shares. Proportional Senate would have approximately 29 Senate districts likely to go Republican and 21 Senate districts likely to go Democrat. Please create as many competitive Senate districts as possible using the Commission's adopted definition of competitiveness.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jesse Luke Ramos

From: Jesse Luke Ramos jesselramosmt@gamil.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

This is such an apparent attempt to gerrymander these districts. It is disappointing that they don't follow geography and are designed to skew representation for hard-working Montanans. Please do better.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:36 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Cassidy Randall

From: Cassidy Randall cassidyran@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Please support the tentatively adopted map (HDP8); I ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission, and not unduly favor either party.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Pamela Raney <pamelaraney@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Public Comment RE: HDP8
Attachments: Testimony re Jefferson County PKR.docx

My name is Pamela Raney. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County. (My mailing address is Clancy, MT.)

Proposed Map HDP8 map violates redistricting rules in three different ways (listed below). It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

1. **Incorrectly splits the municipality of Montana City in half.** Montana City is a small rural community that encompasses both sides (east and west) of I-15. Map HDP8 would split residents of Montana City between HD061 and HD068. Thus, a homogenous community is divided.

Using city layering functionality on Dave's Redistricting mapping website, HDP8 incorrectly identifies the municipality of Montana City, making it (HDP8) unreliable in terms of keeping communities together.

2. **Fractures Montana City's existing identity as a community of interest.** Map HDP8 puts western Montana City in the same HD as West and North Helena in Lewis & Clark County. This violates the rule of keeping communities of interest together.

3. **Separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder.** Map HDP8 also puts Basin and Bernice in HD62, extending from those communities in Jefferson County all the way to Seeley Lake in Missoula County. Basin, Bernice and Boulder are small rural municipalities within 10 minutes driving time of each other. The drive from Bernice to Seeley Lake is 2-1/2 hours. This is, once again, a violation of the communities of interest rule.

4. **Violates the rules of compactness and contiguousness.** The Representative from HD62 (formerly HD80) would represent residents of 4 counties (currently 2 counties) by adding in small pieces of Jefferson and Missoula Counties. Under HDP8, the Representative of HD62 (formerly HD80) would have to drive through **6 districts** to serve the communities of West Montana City, Basin and Bernice. 147 miles separate Bernice and Seeley Lake on the fastest route.

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Jefferson County. How? By...

- Cutting the county into three districts
- Splitting the municipality of Montana City
- Separating communities of interest
- Purporting to fairly serve disparate areas that are in truth separated by significant physical distance and divergent community interests.

Map HDP8 must be revised for the above reasons.

Sincerely,

Pamela Raney

1 Monarch Court

Clancy, MT 59634

My name is Pamela Raney. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County. (My mailing address is Clancy, MT.)

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1 Monarch Court
Clancy, MT 59634

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Raney

From: David Raney davidraney51@gmail.com
Residence: Clancy, MT

Message:

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Clancy, MT 59634

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Maritza H Reddington

From: Maritza H Reddington clerkrecorder@parkcounty.org
Residence: Livingston, MT

Message:

As the Clerk & Recorder / Election Administrator in Park County, I am in agreement with the map that was voted on on December 1st. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Daniel T. Reddish

From: Daniel T. Reddish 406reddish@gmail.com
Residence: Philipsburg

Message:

I am writing to ask you to please move Georgetown Lake and Representative Fitzpatrick's house into House District 62 with Granite County. The physical location and the historical and cultural roots of Georgetown Lake run deep in Granite County. With the recent election of Representative Fitzpatrick, there is a palatable sense of opportunity through out my constituency here in Philipsburg. There is a notion that we would be moved out of the legislative backwater, where we have languished for several decades. For this very reason we wish to keep the Representative we just elected.

Respectfully,
Mayor Daniel Reddish

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:12 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: JOANN REED

From: JOANN REED 69vair@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside

Message:

I am 100% against the redistricting for House District 11. I currently reside in Lakeside. Our schools, fire departments, QRU, chamber of commerce, water and sewer departments, are too closely intertwined with Somers and needs to be left alone.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Matt Regier

From: Matt Regier matt.regier@legmt.gov
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

My name is Matt Regier, a resident of the Flathead Valley and the Speaker Elect of the Montana House of Representatives.

First of all, thank you all for the tireless effort and time you have put into the monumental task before us. Montana is counting on you to create a map that is not political, yet one that is representative of our great state.

With this map proposal, several communities and cities will be impacted by the proposed map, both urban and rural. Additionally, the proposed map violates several rules:

1. Map HDP8 split several municipalities in half. Municipalities were separated, which will lead to more "safe seats" when Senate districts are paired. This does not add competitiveness to the districts, but rather reduces the voice of each voter.
2. Map HDP8 separates communities of interest. The growing communities of Bozeman, Missoula and the Flathead have been divided to create favor to Democratic districts. There is a proposed district in Missoula that stretches from the Rattlesnake area all the way to Ronan, as to create a Democratic-leaning district.
3. Map HDP8 violates the rule of being compact and contiguous. There are communities in which Representatives would represent residents of 4 counties. For example, the Representative from HD62 (formerly HD80), would have to drive through 6 other districts to serve communities of west Montana City, Basin and Bernice.

Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Montana by cutting counties into multiple districts, splitting the municipalities, separating communities of interest, and connecting communities that are great distances apart in interests, mileage and driving time.

Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Montana.

Thank you,

Matt Regier
Speaker of the House

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:47 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Henry Reich

From: Henry Reich reichhen@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

After reviewing HPD8 relative to the redistricting criteria, I think this map best meets those criteria. I support the tentatively adopted map (HDP8) and ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:17 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Arlyne Reichert

From: Arlyne Reichert arlyne.reichert@gmail.com
Residence: 1409 4th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Message:

Thank you for the many hours you have devoted to producing fair representation for Montanans. May the end result of your many months of work reflect FAIRNESS.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:49 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: John Reilly

From: John Reilly jackreilly02@outlook.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

This map is clearly not a compact district. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Ethan Richards

From: Ethan Richards erichards02@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I am a firm believer in fair and transparent elections and straightforward redistricting with sensible maps, regardless of who might gain or lose from such maps. As such I believe HDP8 would be the best of the options considered thus far. For what it's worth.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:54 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lacy S Richter

From: Lacy S Richter Lacysrichter@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:

I disapprove the changing of HD 11 to remove south kalispell, lower valley, kila and north somers. This change of splitting up our water and sewer district makes zero sense. Pushing our district to be mainly Lake County and Less Flathead County also includes many hurdles that dont need to be done. The line should include, Somers, Lower Valley, Lakeside, South Kalispell and Kila and then terminate at the Flathead County and Lake County lines.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Lacy Richter <lacysrichter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:49 PM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] House District 11 Flathead County

I pray as a home owner and a business owner that House District 11 doesn't change to run further south and include mostly the reservation and Lake County. As a business owner dealing with Flathead County Building, DEQ and Zoning is much different than that of Lake County. Our needs and terrain are different, Sewer, Tribal, Reservations, etc. Beside we in Lakeside and Somers send our children to Flathead High School and not to the south.

The Lakeside Somers Sewer and water district would be cut in half and then be within two districts rather than managed by one. This would make zero sense to split the lines up as Lakeside Somers has other hurdles to overcome that Kalispell doesn't understand or are aware of. The rural districts of Kila, Lower Valley and South Kalispell have the similar efforts and communities to Somers and Lakeside, thus HD 11 should continue to include them.

I hope and pray that this decision or proposition to move the HD11 lines is declined and left the way it is.

Sincerely
Lacy Richter
Resident Lakeside
PO Box 970
Lakeside MT 59922

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jacob Riegelhuth

From: Jacob Riegelhuth riegelhuthjacob@gmail.com
Residence: Los Osos, California

Message:

This map is cringe, I live in Bozeman as a college student and this splits communities, and is not congruent, which is against redistricting guidelines, and is blatant gerrymandering. Again cringe.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:23 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jacob Riegelhuth

From: Jacob Riegelhuth riegelhuthjacob@gmail.com
Residence: Los Osos, California

Message:

This is blatant gerrymandering, it slices up the districts so the democrat minority can win in republican area's. This will not allow voters to get what they voted for, and whoever came up with this map should be fired.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Charles Roberts

From: Charles Roberts rnr@bresnan.net
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

As an independent voter, I support tentative map CP-1. It meets all of the mandatory requirements and satisfies the Commission's additional goals better than any of the other maps under consideration. Thank you for your hard work.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Christopher Alan Rogge

From: Christopher Alan Rogge chrisoverwatch42@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

The proposed redistricting in Gallatin County is blatant gerrymandering and everyone knows it. Whatever happened to "don't divide communities"? This merging of Belgrade and Bozeman flies in the face of that, and is blatantly intended to get the most mileage out of college liberals to drown out Republicans everywhere.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: George Roman

From: George Roman peacefields94@gmail.com
Residence: Hamilton MT

Message:

These maps do help us in our area! They do not work. Do not use these because they will create damage that won't be able to be changed. I do not like this re-districting and vehemently oppose them. So do my neighbors in Hamilton.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Susan Roman

From: Susan Roman syeilding@gmail.com
Residence: Hamilton Montana

Message:

Please, please, please do not move forward with the current redistricting maps as submitted. For those of us in Ravalli County, as the most under-represented district, it is hugely problematic. We in Hamilton do not agree!!! Also, Phillipsburg is not an easily accessible location and makes absolutely no sense. These maps present huge issues we won't be able to overcome! It should be one vote person. Please equalize the populations better...Please, please, please do not force this upon us!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Robert R Root

From: Robert R Root robbielec@charter.net
Residence: Montana City, Montana

Message:

I do not understand the need to split our city in half or the county for that matter. we live in a rural area and do not need to be forced into areas that does not have any bearing on where we live. They need to be kept separate.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Bertha A. Root

From: Bertha A. Root Bertharoot45@gmail.com
Residence: Montana City, Montana

Message:

The proposed HDP8 is not in the best interest to Jefferson County / Montana City residents. It separate's the community that we all choose to live in.

As a resident of Montana City I think it would be best keeping communities of interest together by minimizing the splitting of the municipalities.

Thank you

Bertha A. Root

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:16 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Patricia Rosenleaf

From: Patricia Rosenleaf prosenleaf1@gmail.com
Residence: Great Falls, MT

Message:

Dear Redistricting Committee Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support of the selection of the proposed Redistricting Map. It best fulfills the goals, as well as the criteria of competitiveness, set for the new Redistricting Map.

Great Falls is a purple town and your map honors that fact by providing purple districts.

I wholeheartedly support this proposed map.

Sincerely,

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:16 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tyrel Rothing

From: Tyrel Rothing tsrothing@gmail.com
Residence: Three Forks, MT

Message:

Good afternoon. The proposed redistricting map does not represent the local areas of Montana well nor does it seem to follow the requirement of districts being compact and contiguous. Many of these districts seem to stretch in to many different communities favoring a larger town or university while canceling out the rural communities. I ask that you pull this map from consideration or greatly revise it. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kelsey Rothing

From: Kelsey Rothing rothing@protonmail.com
Residence: Three Forks, MT

Message:

Hello, I would like to comment on the current proposed map. I am concerned this proposed map does not follow the law as many districts are not compact and contiguous. Along with that, it is obvious there are concerning things such as universities overpowering rural districts and large cities being stretched to tiny towns. This map does not seem compact or contiguous as a whole and would not be legal or not a fair representation of the state. Please reconsider this map. Please follow the law. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carol Leigh Rydell

From: Carol Leigh Rydell kiki.leigh.rydell@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Dear Members of the Commission:

Thank you for all the time and effort you have put in trying to craft a bi-partisan House district map. I am very pleased with the results of your effort. The tentative map, HDP-8, you have come up with is a laudable bi-partisan compromise map. I support the map because it represents Montana and reflects the 60-40 split of the voters of our state. It also meets all the goals and criteria you have agreed to and manages to split the fewest counties while keeping communities of interest together. This map is a real compromise which I highly endorse. Compromise is a sign of success when making policy that reflects multiple interests. Please pass the tentative final House map (HDP-8) as it is.

Thank you.

Carol Leigh Rydell

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lana Sangmeister

From: Lana Sangmeister lcsangmeister@nemont.net
Residence: Nye, MT

Message:

1. Map CP-1 does the better job of meeting mandatory criteria: the districts are contiguous, more compact and meet the Voting Rights Act by including 6 minority majority districts to allow Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice.

2. Map CP-1 goes beyond the minimum of meeting the mandatory requirements to also better address the goals the Commission adopted. The goals received unanimous support from all four partisan Commissioners when they were adopted. Map CP-1 comes closer to meeting these three goals:

- a. not giving undue advantage to one political party;
- b. dividing fewer city, county and reservation boundaries;
- c. creating more districts that are politically competitive.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:22 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lily Savage

From: Lily Savage lily.m.savage@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

I live in Bozeman montana for school and the new redistributing is absolutely ridiculous. The zones should be accurate and congruent with the types of people in your community. Not combing a blue collar working class community (Belgrade) with an urban upper class area like downtown Bozeman.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:44 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jim Sayer

From: Jim Sayer sayermon@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

Dear MDAC members,

Many thanks for all your work, I know how many hours/weeks/months you're putting into this important effort.

I want to strongly support your tentatively adopted map (HDP8). It is a fair reflection of where Montana is politically right now and does not unduly favor any political party. The districts are carefully drawn, compact and contiguous, per your criteria, and will set things up well for you to create a solid Senate map.

HDP8 is the best alternative for our state's democracy for the next decade. Please adopt it as Montana's House district map going forward.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Benjamin Schmidt

From: Benjamin Schmidt rwm1200@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support the map (HDP8) and ask that the Senate districts be drawn based on the criteria adopted by the commission.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:55 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Margaret Schmidt

From: Margaret Schmidt pschmidt1604@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I urge you to adopt the HDP8 map for redistricting. It splits fewer counties than HDP7, splits fewer municipalities, has more competitive seats, is more compact, and meets EVERY agreed-upon criteria. In fact, it meets every single one of the adopted criteria BETTER than HDP7 in every quantifiable way. Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Patricia Schreiber

From: Patricia Schreiber SchreiberEd@gmail.com
Residence: Helmsville, MT

Message:

The proposed redistricting is obviously unbalanced and in favor of democrats, especially in Gallatin, Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties. Honestly, it's hard to read as there isn't a list by zip code, but of particular concern is what looks to be a change to current HD80, which used to encompass Lincoln along with most of Powell County, allowing Lincoln to be represented along with their neighbors rather than engulfed by Helena, which does not at all represent their values. Please choose another map. This one is not representative and obviously is designed to benefit the minority voters, democrats.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:46 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Christina Schroeter

From: Christina Schroeter schroeter98@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, Montana

Message:

I'm currently in District 12. It looks like the proposed map combines District 12 and District 11 and removes other cities. The issue here is that the proposed District 88 covers 2 counties, 2 different sets of commissioners, about 5 different Fire Stations, 2 or 3 Different Ambulance EMS services. Two different police departments, 3 or 4 different school districts. It's a lot. Currently D11 includes Lakeside/Somers. Proposed D88 removes Somers from Lakeside. The issue is that Lakeside/Somers are combined on everything. Lakeside/Somers School District. Lakeside/Somers Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside/Somers Water/Sewer, Lakeside/Somers Quick Response Unit, Lakeside/Somers Fire Department. I think that Lakeside/Somers needs to remain part of the same District for sure. If it extends down Hwy 93 past the county line, it should NOT go to Polson. Too many issues and concerns. It would make the Legislature for that proposed D88 ineffective. They'd be chasing different issues and laws and whatnot. I'm Lakeside, but Lake County. So I could see it go south enough for all of the "Lakeside" to be included. However even that will be challenging due to the different governmental agencies.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:19 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Moriah Schutt

From: Moriah Schutt schutt.moriah@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Please do not redraw district borders. Voters need to be equally heard and not drowned out on public interest by combining cities or changing borders.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Darien G Scott

From: Darien G Scott darien637@msn.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I firmly believe CP-1 (HDP-8) is the best option. It intersects less city and county lines. It is more competitive and more equal, as it shows 10 districts with 5 favoring each major party.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Monica Scott

From: Monica Scott db_scott1@comcast.net
Residence: Corvallis, MT

Message:

To the commissioners,

The map you have chosen underrepresents the voters in my district, in fact in most districts in my county, Ravalli County. Each person should have one vote. Please at least get the population count correct.

Thank you,

Monica Scott

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Scott

From: David Scott akilter@comcast.net
Residence: Corvallis, MT

Message:

To whom it concerns,

The map you have chosen does not reflect my district or my county accurately. Ravalli county is underrepresented. Each person should have one vote. Please equalize the population count if you use this map.

Thank you,
David Scott

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Darien G Scott

From: Darien G Scott darien637@msn.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I firmly believe CP-1 (HDP-8) is the best option. It intersects less city and county lines. It is more competitive and more equal, as it shows 10 districts with 5 favoring each major party.

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Sherley, Laura

From: lindasemones@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Semones
<lindasemones@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Dear District and Apportionment Commissioners,

I am sorry that I cannot attend and testify in person concerning Map HDP-8. I am recovering from a complete knee replacement and find it difficult to get in a car and travel right now. I know that in-person testimony usually has a greater effect, but please accept this email in lieu of my appearing in person. I support this map because finally it appears there has been meaningful compromise in its creation. My experience with current politics is that people become entrenched in their need for power and refuse to admit that in a democracy such as ours, the real power comes in compromise and listening to the people. I commented in person at the initial stages of forming the maps at the meeting in Bozeman, and I heard many speakers from both sides request divisions for their areas which made sense, both blue and red speakers. It was heartening to hear logic and respect in the session, and it gave me hope that a real map serving the majority of the people would be created. This map is not perfect. But it is a workable compromise that I can support. It keeps communities of interest together. It is the map that splits the least cities, towns and counties. And it proves that the Districting and Apportionment Commission was listening to the public comment. Please adopt this map, HDP-8. And then move forward and adopt an equally fair map for senate districts. And thank you for your amazingly hard work.

Sincerely,

Linda Semones

404 S Church Ave Bozeman, MT 59715-4817 lindasemones@hotmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Sexton

From: Mary Sexton msexton@3rivers.net
Residence: Choteau, Montana

Message:

I support the current reapportionment map that is out for public comment. It seems quite fair – maintains communities of interest, tries to adhere to county and city lines, and it allows for some districts to have some competition.

Although Teton County is divided, I understand the reasons and feel that the inclusion of Augusta and parts of rural Lewis and Clark is reasonable. I would suggest that HD 7 be paired with the district to the north, Conrad and Shelby.

Thank you for your efforts!

Mary Sexton

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:44 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Joseph Allen Sharbono

From: Joseph Allen Sharbono sharbonoj@dawsoncountymontana.com
Residence: Glendive

Message:

Please use map number 7 as your redistricting guide. Eastern Montana cannot loose 3 seats

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Joseph Sheehan

From: Joseph Sheehan sheehanjoe@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:
Hi,

I have significant concerns that the currently proposed redistricting map will have deleterious effects on voters. The districts are not compact, and Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent all voters better.

Thank you very much.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:40 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Amber Sherrill

From: Amber Sherrill amberrsherrill@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula mT

Message:

HDP 8 is the best of the submitted options for meeting the criteria outlined by the commission. Let's keep Montana politics fair and balanced. I am voicing strong support for adopting HDP 8.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Colin Sherrill

From: Colin Sherrill colin_sherrill@hotmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

HDP8 is the best of the submitted options for meeting the criteria outlined by the commission. Montana politics needs to be fair and balanced. I am in strong support of adopting HDP8.

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Sherley, Laura

From: psimmons100@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Simmons <psimmons100@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Legislative Map HDP-8 and SDP

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I'm a 44 year resident of Bozeman and have always supported fairness in voting ability all over this State. The current HDP-8 meets all the requirements for districting so there is no need to make further changes. You should do a similar map for Senate Districts to lessen confusion and making it easier to manage voting access. We are meeting the Voting Rights Act.

The new Congressional western district map was not fair and did not meet requirements. Don't do that again.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pat Simmons
357 Pine Creek Dr Bozeman, MT 59718-8628 psimmons100@gmail.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Garrick R Simmons

From: Garrick R Simmons garrick389@aol.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

HDP 8 is the best of the submitted options for meeting the criteria outlined by the commission. Let's keep Montana politics fair and balanced. I am voicing strong support for adopting HDP 8.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dan Skattum

From: Dan Skattum skattums@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston, Montana

Message:

It appears that Park County will be broken up.

Please keep the two districts closer to what they have been.

Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: julie slater

From: julie slater mjslater59@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support HDP8 the tentatively adopted map of Senate districts. It meets every single one of the adopted criteria and goals. It has more competitive seats and splits fewer municipalities and counties.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Amelia Smart

From: Amelia Smart amelia.smart@gmail.com
Residence: Libby, MT

Message:

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please don't let meddling politicians make the map worse for Montanans. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Glen smith

From: Glen smith kegsmith@live.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:
Leave lakeside and Somers district alone

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kathryn Smith

From: Kathryn Smith kg6smith@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside

Message:

Lakeside and Somers need to be left alone! Do not redistrict our towns. Leave our community whole! Thank you

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:02 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Don Smith

From: Don Smith ducesmith01@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside MT

Message:

I am writing as some are trying to split the Lakeside/Somers area apart. This would be inappropriate. Please do not try to move areas and things around just so you can have your will be done in an area or our state instead of the people your redistricting will affect. We are good the way we are and can continue happily on the path we are currently on. Please do not make decisions that will make us unhappy. We would prefer being left alone and usually go to effective methods in order to be left alone. I thank you for your cooperation in advance and for your attention in this matter.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Susan Smith <susbosmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Map 8

To the redistricting committee,

Map 8 is completely unacceptable and unfair! It does not keep rural interests together, city interests together, and divides and fragments communities, therefore NOT following the law you are provided with! It gerrymanders to divide like groups in order to favor a political group for ensured representation and deprives rural agricultural and small communities a vote! Do NOT accept 8. Go back to previous maps, 1 and 4!

Susan Smith
2008 5th Avenue
Helena Mt 59601
406-461-5409

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tanner John Smith

From: Tanner John Smith tannerformontana@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside, Montana

Message:

I represent HD11 which encompasses Lakeside, Somers, Lower Valley and Kila. I am vehemently opposed to this current redistricting map. Lakeside and Somers are Fraternal twins. Lakeside/Somers Chamber of Commerce. Lakeside/Somers School District 29. Lakeside/Somers Sewer District. Lakeside/Somers Volunteer Fire Department. This is a tight knit community that functions as a whole. Separating the two would be detrimental to the mutual interests of this community.

Sincerely, Tanner Smith HD11

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Hannah Specht

From: Hannah Specht hannah.m.specht@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

After reviewing HDP8, it seems that it comes close to meeting the redistricting criteria, balancing political representativeness with splitting up counties or communities in awkward ways, and with each jurisdiction representing pretty similar number of Montanans. Given the proven challenge of nailing all the criteria, I'm am satisfied with and value this "pretty close" effort and would be comfortable as a citizen with this map going into effect, knowing that each of our voices would be represented relatively equally & fairly. Thanks to the commissioners for their hard work on this.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Steinmuller

From: David Steinmuller dsteinmul@msn.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

I live in Bozeman and support map CP-1 (HDP-8). This map meets all the established goals and succeeds in splitting the fewest counties and as well as keeping most municipalities whole. Viewing where I live, my new House district would be HD 42. This district would be composed of individuals with whom I share similar interests and other more rural individuals whose interests may be somewhat different from my own and of those who live closest to the city. However, I advocated for competitive districts and HD 42 would likely be more competitive than my current district HD 61. Competitiveness is an advantage. This map is a result of consensus. Overall the entire map provides gives an advantage to Republicans which agrees with the current partisanship of the state. In drawing the Senate districts, these districts should be drawn to not unduly favor either party. I fully support adoption of map CP-1 (HDP-8).

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Sherley, Laura

From: Jason Stephenson <jasons8166@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: 2024 legislative districts

Montana citizens deserve better than this. No way this map represents the citizens of this great state. It is a ploy by the Democrat party to rig elections in their favor. If this commission was serious about equal representation then they would set it up where each county would get a 2 representatives & allow the counties to decide how their districts are divided. How is it even close to being fair, when some HD have up to 7 counties in them, where the most heavily populated county will decide for the rest of the counties who represents them, or parts of one county is put in another counties district.

These HD representatives are suppose to be representatives for their county, not representatives for multiple counties. Not only is this not representative of the citizens of each county, it will also make voters confused, special since you are changing the HD number they are use to voting in.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Adana Stevenson

From: Adana Stevenson stevensonsddot@yahoo.com
Residence: Hobson Montana

Message:

The current situation with Gerrymandering in our state of Montana is unacceptable and should be rejected! This map is clearly not a compact district. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. All citizens in this state's voices should be represented, and the people of Belgrade should not be suppressed in this way! Please reject this map and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better.

Thank You
Adana Stevenson 4th generation Montanan

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 6:30 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Rachael Stevenson

From: Rachael Stevenson rachaelgstevenson@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman MT

Message:

The map proposed for the state legislature is in no way representative of the states makeup. In populated areas, the principles of districting are violated as the districts are in no way compact. Looking specifically at bozeman area, the districts are odd shaped in such a way to create disadvantages for the more rural voters. Belgrade and Bozeman are combined together to create races that will be unrepresentative of the Belgrade voters. The district should be compact and allow for similar constituency, which this does not do. I hope that these districts will be reconsidered so that we can have fair elections that are representative of our population.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carol L Stewart

From: Carol L Stewart clsinny@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Mt.

Message:

I support map CP-1 for Montana redistricting.

Map CP-1 is more compact, it intersects fewer county and city boundaries, and has more competitive districts (10) which are evenly divided with five favoring each major party. This map would likely result in 60 Republican legislators in the Montana House, or 3 more than is proportional to their 57% vote share. Map CP-1 has 6 minority majority districts.

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Sherley, Laura

From: B. Stockton <stockton.becky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Helena area redistricting map

I live in the valley of Helena. The people who live in the valley have totally different issues than the city. The last 10 years the valley & the rural areas have not been represented at our legislature. This map looks a lot like it did 10 years ago & the previous map did not help the rural/county residents.

We should not be connected to the city, too much focus is always on city issues & not county issues. Most of us in the valley have septic or rural sewer lagoons that have no relation to the city septic, our own wells & larger pieces of property. Issues for our schools are different from the city also. These maps group rural, county schools with city public schools.

Lines should be drawn in natural areas like North Montana, Custer Ave, Sierra Rd., Villiard, not in the middle of neighborhoods.

East Helena/East Helena Valley should be its own district & not shared with the Eastern part of Helena.

We need a district that runs from Custer Rd. to Sierra, then East to West to include our county residents. This wagon wheel approach of a district does not work for our county residents. County residents want more say & to be heard as to their issues.

HD 66 is the oddest shaped district.

Sierra Rd. going North, West & East should be its own district too.

Please reconsider the Helena/Helena Valley/East Helena area so that county residents have more representation. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Becky Stockton

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dylan Stokes

From: Dylan Stokes GornPower125@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

As a current student of Montana State University, who came here to support Montana and its freedoms, I can never support this map. The fact that Bozeman is split up into 4 different districts goes against the regulation of not being allowed to split up communities, and it also shows extreme gerrymandering, which is illegal. There are other ways to make the Montana map fair for all political parties out there, and it starts with making sure communities are staying together. Bozeman, Missoula, or other cities of the sort should never be split up into multiple districts for the sake of giving we the people the say we need in the government. I sincerely hope this map is reconsidered or scrapped, as us Montanans are tired of being ripped off. Thank you for your time.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: McKenna Stokes

From: McKenna Stokes missmercuryqueen@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:
Hello,

I am currently a senior in mechanical engineering at Montana State University. I live in the Alderwood Creek neighborhood south of the university. I have some issues with the proposed district boundaries.

The redistricting guidelines state that communities should not be split up. The proposed districts that combine Belgrade and Bozeman clearly violate that. Belgrade and Bozeman have very difficult lifestyles, cultures, beliefs, etc. If you don't acknowledge that, then several people's voices will not be heard. This is clearly an attempt at gerrymandering.

Please fix this.
-McKenna Stokes

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tami Stokes

From: Tami Stokes mrsgroovy@charter.net
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

This map is clearly not a compact district. Bozeman and Belgrade have been split into slivers, connecting the two towns. This is textbook pinwheel Gerrymandering. Please reject this map, and draw a map that is compact and will represent voters better.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Christopher Sturgis

From: Christopher Sturgis chris.lucky13@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

This redistricting doesn't make sense on geography, based on roads, nothing. The only reason I could see for these is blatant gerrymandering and no gerrymandering should be acceptable under any circumstances

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:28 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Elissa Taylor

From: Elissa Taylor elissataylor1616@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

Please use HDP8, it aligns to the criteria far better than HDP7.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:52 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Thane

From: Mary Thane mmthane@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

1. It is important to keep communities together and this map does this.
2. This map HDP8 is a compromise that meets all the adopted criteria.

Thank you for your work

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:46 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Michelle Thibodeau

From: Michelle Thibodeau mthelenamt@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

I support the proposed tentative CP-1 (HDP-8) map as it is a partisan balance with fair Senate districts. Thank you for the opportunity to submit commit.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:47 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Ashley Renee Thompson

From: Ashley Renee Thompson hisprincess515@gmail.com
Residence: Lakeside Montana

Message:

Keep HD11 intact!! Do not redistrict!! This would be counterproductive to our community and partnerships with somers/lakeside. Keep our chamber of commerce, school district, fire department and sewer district the same!! Do not change HD11. Local, permanent and loyal lakeside residents do not want this!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Connor Dane Thompson

From: Connor Dane Thompson connor4theword@yahoo.com
Residence: Lakeside Montana

Message:

DO NOT REDISTRICIT 11. District 11 needs to stay the same and we do not support the redistricting of district 11. I am a full time resident in Lakeside MT and am NOT in support for this redistricting proposal!!!! Keep HD11 the same!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Thompson

From: Mary Thompson tmtakids@yahoo.com
Residence: Clancy MT

Message:

My name is Mary Thompson. I am a resident of Montana City in Jefferson County.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

1. Map HDP8 splits the municipality of Montana City in half. The residents of Montana City are in a small rural community which encompasses both the West and East side of the Interstate. Map HDP8 puts most of Jefferson County in HD61 and then takes the West Half of Montana City and puts it in HD68. By doing that, the residents of Montana City are not kept together – the residents in West Montana City are in HD68 and the residents of East Montana City are in HD61.

In looking at Dave's Redistricting, when adding in the city layers, it incorrectly identifies the municipality of Montana City and cannot be relied upon to represent the idea that Map HDP8 keeps the municipality of Montana City together.

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3. Map HDP8 separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder. Map HDP8 puts Basin and Bernice in HD62 which extends all the way from Bernice and Basin in Jefferson County to Seeley Lake in Missoula County! Basin, Bernice and Boulder are small rural municipalities within 10 minutes of each other. The drive from Bernice to Seeley Lake is 2-1/2 hours! This makes no sense!

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Map HDP8 disenfranchises the residents of Jefferson County by cutting the county into three districts, splitting the municipality of Montana City, separating communities of interest throughout Jefferson County, and connecting communities that are great distances apart in interests, mileage and driving time. Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Jefferson County.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Tim Thompson

From: Tim Thompson tthompson59@outlook.com
Residence: Montana City, MT

Message:

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:00 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Adam Thuen

From: Adam Thuen adam@thuen.org
Residence: Belgrade, MT

Message:

Belgrade is not Bozeman. It is distinctly different. Under this proposal there would be no distinct districts in Belgrade, they are all paired with Bozeman ones. I can assure you the 5 miles of open plains in between the two cities I drive everyday on interstate highlights this fact. That is before you cover the political and cultural differences between the two cities which everyone who has lived here longer than an election cycle knows. There are few explanations other than political posturing to justify such a ridiculous proposal. Even those that sounds plausible are just covering up this naked attempt at backdooring the will of the voters. All who voted for this should be removed from office and barred from running. Yup that is how bad it is.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: RICHARD THWEATT

From: RICHARD THWEATT DICKTHWEATT@GMAIL.COM
Residence: HELENA, MONTANA

Message:
Please adopt Tentative map CP-1

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<https://mtredistricting.gov>)

Good afternoon members of the commission,

My name is Jacob Torgerson and I am a lifelong resident of the Helena Valley.

I've lived in Helena's Valley my entire life. I grew up in a trailer park off of Forestville road, and later in a little exurb just north of Bobs Valley Market. Until recently, I had never lived inside city limits, but I have always considered myself strongly Helenan and felt deeply connected to my hometown. The truth is that Helena and the Helena valley are the same community. We all identify as being "from Helena". Dividing Helena and the Valley from one another would be a grave mistake. Splitting Helena's Valley from Helena proper would cause irreparable harm to our community, and only serve to further the divide Montana as a whole is experiencing. Please, keep our community intact. We do not need to be divided any more than our state already is.

I have personally knocked on well over 5,000 doors in Helena since the beginning of 2022. I have knocked the most urban areas of the Helena valley, as well as the most rural. I can say from firsthand experience, we share the exact same needs and find the same issues important. These folks need improved wages and inflationary adjustments. They need property tax mitigation, and accessible, affordable health and mental healthcare. They are begging for tangible solutions to our affordable housing crisis.

The map tentatively selected, HDP-8, is a map that all Montanans can agree on. It is a compromise map that contains the most competitive, compact, and proportional districts. It also has the smallest amount of City/County splits out of every proposed map thus far. This map also respects the fact that Helena and the Helena valley are a community of interest, and should not be separated for partisan gain.

Senate districts should be paired in a manor that prioritizes proportionality and competetiveness over partisan gain. Lewis and Clark county should have one competitive senate seat. I propose pairing HD63 with HD64, or HD61 with HD68. These would both create as close to a competitive SD as you can get in Helena.

Thank you for your time, and I appreciate all of the hard work you have done.

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Larry Townsend

From: Larry Townsend ranchbusiness@townsendranch.com
Residence: Darby Mt

Message:

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing to challenge

the partisan motion to move forward with the Democrat Commission members' proposed map for Montana's legislative districts. Anyone viewing this absurd map, can see it is a blatant attempt by the Democrats to make sure the districts are as tilted toward them as possible. And districts like the proposed district 2, would in no way properly be represented, when you have a long, narrow district that stretches across multiple counties. In what way would such a district be considered reasonable? And this is only one example in a plethora of absurdities. If such a proposal were made by the Republicans, they would be rightfully called out and the map would never be considered. It is very telling that such a ridiculous offering is not only being considered, but has actually moved forward. This in no way properly represents Montanans and is a travesty of the setup of proper, truly representative districts. I am writing to challenge you to DO better and DEMAND better from BOTH parties.

Sincerely,

Larry E Townsend

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marilyn Gail Trenfield

From: Marilyn Gail Trenfield 57pogeno@gmail.com
Residence: St. Ignatius, Montana

Message:

I am a member of the public, writing in support of Tentative Map CP-1 (HDP-8). This map has compact, contiguous districts, and includes 6 minority majority districts to allow Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice.

This map is more fair than HDP-7, resulting in 60 likely Republican legislators for a 57% vote share, vs. 66 for HDP-7. This is likely the best that can be done, while meeting other criteria.

I encourage you to create fair Senate Districts, as well, during the next round of mapping. Native Americans make up 7.8% of our population. Proportional representation would require 4 senators. Pairing neighboring minority-majority House districts could offer at least 3 senators.

A proportional Senate would have approximately 29 Senate districts likely to go Republican and 21 Senate districts likely to elect Democrats. Please create as many competitive districts as possible.

We all appreciate your hard work on this difficult task, and for your attention to our comments.

Sincerely,

Gail Trenfield
St. Ignatius

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Carolyn Truscott

From: Carolyn Truscott lv4jsus@msn.com
Residence: Helena MT

Message:

1. Map HDP8 splits the municipality of Montana City in half.
- 2 Map HDP8 separates communities of interest in Montana City.
3. Map HDP8 separates the communities of Basin and Bernice from Boulder.
4. Map HDP8 violates the rule of compactness and contiguousness.

Proposed Map HDP8 map (Map HDP8) violates the rules because it splits a municipality, separates communities of interest, and violates the rule of compactness and contiguous. It is bad for the residents of Jefferson County.

Map HDP8 must be revised to rectify the problems created for Jefferson County.

Submitted by Carolyn Truscott

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Nicholas David Vanni

From: Nicholas David Vanni nicholas.vanni@protonmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I highly disagree with the blatant gerrymandering performed with HD045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, and 052 which threatens the equality in our democracy. These tactics dilute the Bozeman voter pool, one of the largest cities in the state. Instead, I propose that two house districts be assigned for Bozeman and one for Belgrade, with the other districts splitting up the general Gallatin Valley and beyond. This would be a much better option for Gallatin County voters, as regardless of political stance, all voters should have an equal say in our democracy.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Sterling Veltkamp

From: Sterling Veltkamp eat.slow.elk@gmail.com
Residence: GREAT FALLS, MT

Message:
Members of the Redistricting and Apportionment Commission,

I have looked at the Commission's proposed Legislative Redistricting map. Out of all the cities in Montana, Great Falls has the best proposed districts. Compact, congruent, and not reaching far out into less populous areas around it. Butte also has nice compact districts. The rest of the major cities in the State have horribly drawn districts. The districts around Missoula, Bozeman, Billings, Helena, and Kalispell completely ignore the idea of compact, congruent districts. I know it is hard to have compact districts with Montana's population extremes but you need to do better. When a district starts in the heart of an urban center then reaches out to rural areas three counties away, that is not fair to the people represented in that district or the legislator who represents them. Please take another look at your proposal and create more compact, congruent districts.

Thank you for your time,
Sterling Veltkamp

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Sherley, Laura

From: Jack Venrick <jacksranch@freedomforallseasons.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Montana HD11 - Keep Somers and Lakeside Together

Importance: High

December 8, 2022

To: Montana Districting Apportionment Commission

Bcc:

Montana HD 12 Representative Linda Reksten

Montana HD 11 Representative Tanner Smith

Upper West Shore Alliance Board

Subject: Montana HD11 – Keep Somers and Lakeside Together

I am responding to Representative Tanner Smith HD11 of Lakeside and Somers to support keeping Lakeside and Somers towns together.

➤ Not only since they share common infrastructure of School District, Fire Department, Sewer District and Chamber of Commerce.

➤ But additionally to NOT break them up giving Somers to Kalispell and Lakeside to Polson WHICH MINIMIZES SMALL RURAL TOWN VOTING POWER.

➤ This article by Montana Free Press, please link below, describes in 10 pages exactly what the Democrats on the Districting and Apportionment Commission are doing.

- [Searching for fair on Montana's legislative map](#)
- Bottom line this is a common trick to pull out rural towns into larger urban cities.
- Rural communities are traditionally more conservative and cities are typically more liberal.
- So the rural town's conservative vote is minimized by districting them into larger more liberal city areas.

➤ Here is another excellent article documenting this trick, please link below.

- [Montana Democrats Disenfranchise Rural Voters](#)

- Note in this 21 page report the map leading into the report showing how Debra Miller (D) is proposing to create a house district for Missoula by joining Frenchtown, Potomac, Lolo and Florence.
- This trick is also called “wagon wheeling” with the city being the hub and one or more spokes going out to the rural town.
- This trick is so well known and goes against the strict rules WHY WOULD AN HONEST PERSON DO THIS IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT STATE COMMITTEE POSITION?
- Note the 5 Goals for State Legislative Districts on page 8 of this report.
- Especially when there is criteria clearly prohibiting the favoring a political party.



National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Redistricting Criteria

- [I found this web site interesting insight to scan for an overview of all the states criteria for redistricting at a glance.](#)
- I count 10 principles the states have outlined into groups of traditional, emerging and future that prevent this sort of “wagon wheeling”.



Political redistricting does not work and is in fact a political tool to destroy the natural geographic and social networking of the state.

- The rural communities and the urban cities need to stand alone as they each have a long history of being the heart of traditional character in America.
- There are 360 towns and cities in Montana located in 56 counties.
- Trying to break up this geographic and social network into 100 district representatives and 50 district senators is an oxymoronic exercise.
- The process of redistricting, in and of itself, is a contradiction to a true and honest Republic and is an impossible job inviting divisiveness even with strict rules.
- To make my point let’s say I had a friend in each of the 360 towns and cities and I wanted to stay in touch with each of them so someone suggests choosing only 150 of them to keep in touch with.
- Another case in point just came in from my House District 12 Representative.
- Ron - We need to get this out ASAP. The current map chops up the city of Polson totally eliminating the Polson people from the west end of Polson bridge, Rocky Point Road all the way to Somers. The other side of the Lake from the bridge to East Shore to some areas of the Swan is the other District. We MUST testify that this is wrong to split up the community of Polson. I will go into more detail tonight. Don K has put together an easy way to testify below and it is this SATURDAY (Dec 10) beginning at 9 AM.

Linda Reksten HD 12

- It is obvious this commission is not doing its job by the rules and should be disbanded and reformed with others who can follow the strict redistricting criteria completely.

- We desperately need a new process of districting that honors the geographic and social independence of each town and city in Montana.
- The current process is a disgrace.

Sincerely,

Jack Venrick

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Rollins, Montana
www.freedomforallseasons.org
jacksranch@freedomforallseasons.org
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Pioneer Family of Nebraska
Pioneer Family of Wisconsin
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M.S. Applied Science -
M.S. Business Administration
M.S. Industrial Engineering

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Kyle Voigtlander

From: Kyle Voigtlander krvoigtlander@gmail.com
Residence: Columbia Falls MT

Message:

Map 8 is wrong in Flathead County. Columbia Falls is a red blue collar community and Whitefish is a democrat ski town. They are rivals and should not be together.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Pamela VonBergen

From: Pamela VonBergen pamvonb@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, Mt

Message:
Re: HDP8
Why are the rural and urban communities separate?

Why is Montana city split by the highway? They are still a community and should have the same interests!

Why would you separate Jefferson county into 3 districts.

This map isn't good for Montana!!

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Sherley, Laura

From: Ken Walsh <kwash@3rivers.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 7:29 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Comments on HDP 8 map

Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission;

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed HDP 8 that is currently under consideration, in particular HD 55 and 44 based on the goals established as outlined below.

Goals for State Legislative Districts

- **No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party.** It readily apparent that the proposed HD 44 favors a Democrat leaning district, by including part of Madison County that includes the Big Sky developments.
- **The commission shall attempt to minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations when possible.** The proposed HD 55 divides Madison County that includes a significant part of the Big Sky development. Removal of this part of Madison out of HD 55, requires the expansion of the district into the Gallatin County and the city of Three Forks. These areas should be in a district that has demographics in-line with other Gallatin valley districts. As proposed the mandatory criteria of 'each district consist of compact territory' is ignored. This proposal does the opposite.
- **Keeping communities of interest intact. The Commission may consider keeping communities of interest intact. Communities of interest can be based on Indian reservations; urban interests, suburban interests, rural interests, including elementary and high school districts; tribal interests; neighborhoods; trade areas; geographic location; demographics; communication and transportation networks; social, cultural, historic, and economic interests and connections; or occupations and lifestyles.** The proposed HD 55 splits off the Big Sky area of Madison County. It also splits the Ennis School District as well as the Madison Valley Hospital District. Madison County is home to many of the employees and service providers that support Big Sky businesses and homeowners. Furthermore, Madison County has recently upgraded the county road that connects and enhances travel and trade with Big Sky and the county. Big Sky is not an incorporated, thus Madison County is the main local government entity that provides those services. Big Sky residences should be represented in the State Legislature by a Representative and Senator that also works with Madison County government as historically been the case.
- **The commission may consider competitiveness of districts when drawing plans.** The key word is 'may'. The above factors should not outweigh this goal. Constituents' commonality and geographic location should be a higher priority.

In summary, HD 55 should keep Madison County intact, and not be split to enhance a political party. Districts should be created that allow for their elected representative to be their voices in state government without prejudice as established by mandatory criteria and goals established by the Montana Constitution and goals established by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission. As proposed residences of Madison County are disenfranchised.

As the commission moves through the redistricting process, please keep in mind that the Senate District should include the proposed House Districts 56 & 55 (as modified) which have similar demographics.



Representative Ken Walsh
HD 71
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406-596-0418

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: sue webster

From: sue webster whams@aol.com
Residence: Bigfork, montana

Message:

please... we are in your grip. Please legislate for the good of this whole state... not for political purposes. We need you to consider the land and the generations of land loving residents you are to serve here. The future of the land and the state depends on you... please

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Coyote Wegley

From: Coyote Wegley coyotewegley@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

This map is clearly a result of gerrymandering that splits up communities in order to give an advantage to one party over the others. For example, having parts of Belgrade and downtown Bozeman be in the same district due to redistricting would take away the representation of the blue-collar area in Belgrade due to the high density population in Bozeman. Do not approve this map, it is a disgrace and shows the corruption rife in the system right now.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:30 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Roxane Weikel

From: Roxane Weikel roxane.weikel@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support the HDP8 map as tentatively adopted by the Commission. It seems to meet agreed upon criteria.

Thank you.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:17 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Timothy Wheel

From: Timothy Wheel grumpybear@mt.net
Residence: Helena

Message:

Full disclosure: I'm a card-carrying Libertarian Republican and Atheist. The following opinion is my opinion only and not the opinion of the Republican Party or anyone else.

What I don't understand is how come we can't have legislative redistricts that are balanced between Republicans and Democrats. Why does the redistricting have to be a Republican gerrymandering or a Democrat gerrymandering.

I oppose the Democrat gerrymandering map as I distrust the Woke Democrats. Montana doesn't need the Woke ideology of the Democrats with all the restrictions and lack of freedom that always follows in the wake of Woke ideology.

Now certainly Woke Democrats should have the right to representation but not undue Woke representation that the Democrat gerrymandering map would cause.

Let's have a non-partisan approach to redistricting and representation not a Democrat partisan gerrymandering that favors Woke representation.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Wendy Wheeler

From: Wendy Wheeler westernwheelers@msn.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

CP-1 does the best job of creating competitive districts that match the party distribution in the state. I would also like to see Senate districts that reflect party shares in the state. Thank you for all your hard work.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Clint Whittle-Frazier

From: Clint Whittle-Frazier clint.whittle@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

House District Proposal 8 is fair and provides a good balance between Montana's rural and urban communities. It's impossible to make a perfectly divided map, and this one best represents both Democrats and Republicans. Thank you!

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Sherley, Laura

From: gwick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gretchen Wick <gwick@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Individual voters have the right to have their votes fairly counted. Map HDP-8 is fair and effective. Let's not play party politics by trying to split communities and districts in ways that benefit one party over the other. Let people vote. Be fair. Support Map HDP-8!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Wick

29 Appleway Dr Apt 2 Kalispell, MT 59901-3447 gwick@westvalleyschool.com

Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:45 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Amanda Wick

From: Amanda Wick mandywick101@msn.com
Residence: Choteau, MT

Message:

I support the redistricting HDP8 map for fairness of representation of every Montana voter

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Gary John Wiens

From: Gary John Wiens garyjwiens@gmail.com
Residence: Helena MT

Message:

I support the selection of Map CP-1. It fairly represents all Montanans.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lora Wier

From: Lora Wier lorawier@outlook.com
Residence: Choteau, Mt

Message:
Please support compromise map HDP8

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Sheena Wilson

From: Sheena Wilson wiljan717@msn.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

Thank you so much for your hard work on the Tentative Final House map. I support the map because it splits the fewest counties, has a 60-40 split that roughly reflects the voters of Montana, and meets all the criteria and goals of the Commission. This map is a compromise. Please pass the Tentative Final House Map as is.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Lauren Wilson

From: Lauren Wilson wilson.lauren@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Thanks to the Commission for your work. I know there was a lot of time spent on a compromise plan, and I think that the state will truly be better off because you spent so much time trying to reach consensus.

I live in what would be House District 78 on the tentative final map. House District 78 appears to broadly follow the boundaries of the Target Range school district. This immediately stuck out to me on the plan, because it combines a clear community of interest better than even the current district lines.

I'm glad to see our own district (where my kids go to school, and where I work as a substitute teacher on occasion) seems to have benefited from the attention paid to this map.

Thank you for working together on a map that appears to meet all of your adopted criteria and goals so cleanly. I have been following the work of the commission and I think the tentative map adopted is by far the best solution to date.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Ron Paul Wirth

From: Ron Paul Wirth ron.wirth1971@outlook.com
Residence: Victor, Montana

Message:

Ravalli County is currently underrepresented with the current way the districts are drawn. The proposed Democrat redistricting will make it even more so, and this is an obvious effort by them to dilute the vote for Ravalli County.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Victoria Wirth

From: Victoria Wirth vwirth1972@gmail.com
Residence: Victor, Montana

Message:

The newest map does not equalize Ravalli County population, this needs to be better. Ravalli County is very under represented. To be fair it should be 1 person, 1 vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Keegan Witt

From: Keegan Witt wittk60@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I am writing in support of HDP-8. This map is by far the fairest map considered and meets the conditions set out better than any other map. It splits fewer communities and counties and is more compact than other maps. In a time of great division fairness is important and this map gives the residents of Montana the best chance to vote for someone who truly represents them rather than packing those of one party together making individual's votes count less. Thank you and I hope you process with HDP-8.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:02 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: David Wodrich

From: David Wodrich davidwodrich12@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

By connecting Bozeman and Belgrade into the same piece on the map, this has become a case of pinwheel gerrymandering. I am astonished and hope our state leaders would be better than this.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 7:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: julie wood

From: julie wood woohayes@yahoo.com
Residence: Fairfield

Message:

Democratic commissioners laid out the strength of their map and how it is fairer, splits fewer counties, splits fewer municipalities, has more competitive seats, and is more compact than the Republican counterpart.

When it was the Republicans' turn to defend their own map, the commissioners instead went after the very criteria that they had voted for. They argued that the criteria were simply technicalities, not agreed-upon requirements. please support the democrats version.!

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:47 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Chris M Wrench

From: Chris M Wrench speedwrench@me.com
Residence: Florence Montana

Message:

I am opposed to the changes shown on map HDP8 for the following reasons.

1. Rural and urban communities n counties d to be kept separate.
2. Communities of interest together and minimize the splitting of municipalities.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Courtney Wright

From: Courtney Wright canuno2@gmail.com
Residence: Kalispell MT

Message:

We do not want our communities divided any further. Enough with redistricting.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<https://mtredistricting.gov>)

Sherley, Laura

From: j w <jwright68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 5:15 PM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please change the tentative legislative map district numbers

Dear Chairperson and Commissioners,

Please change the tentative legislative map district numbers to better reflect the current numbering of legislative house districts. For example, the proposed House districts 86 and 87 would become districts 1 and 2 respectively. This may prevent confusion when citizens voice their opinions about the proposed districts and when the districts are numbered for future elections.

Thank you,

Mr. John Wright
Lincoln County, MT

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:26 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jonathan Yen

From: Jonathan Yen joncyen@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I live in Bozeman, and this is a completely bizarre proposal. Bozeman and Belgrade are totally different communities.

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:41 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Dennis Zander

From: Dennis Zander zanderd@dawsoncountymontana.com
Residence: Glendive, MT

Message:

I would like to show support for Map 7 and against Map 8 as Eastern Montana would lose representation. It is important for Eastern Montana to have representation in Helena due to distance for its residents to travel to attend hearing, testify and participate. Our representatives are needed in order to keep our voices heard.

Thank you

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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jean Zankner

From: Jean Zankner jzankner@gmail.com
Residence: Billings, Montana

Message:

Dear Committee Members, Please support Map CP-1, HDP 8. Thank you, Jean Zankner

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Sherley, Laura

From: lenzee75@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lena Zeeck <lenzee75@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Districting
Subject: Writing in Support of Legislative Map HDP-8

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Map HDP 8 is fair and the senate and house Districts fairly match the partisan populations, so all Montanans are represented.

Sincerely,
Lena Zeeck
8555 N Montana Ave Helena, MT 59602-8320 lenzee75@gmail.com