

# Public Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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**From:** riclynallison@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynn Allison  
<riclynallison@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:13 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on the final map after considering many hours of public input. The Commission should not grant greater weight to politicians' input than members who have been testifying and writing for months. The legislative recommendations for House District 42 amount to an attack on Native representation by eliminating majority-minority seats on the map. The Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission so citizens could have more power than legislators over district maps. Please don't let politicians draw their own seats and completely change the map.

Once again thank you for all your hard work in drawing up TCP-3.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Allison  
2909 4th Ave So  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sincerely,  
Lynn Allison  
2909 4th Ave S Great Falls, MT 59405-3138 riclynallison@msn.com

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**From:** danderson1070@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Anderson <danderson1070@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:19 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Redistricting is a large, arduous process which, by design, should create a level playing field for its voting-age citizens. Due to geography, reservation borders, urban/rural population disparity, this is no easy task and the Commission is commended for their hard work. Recognizing that there is always discontent with redistricting proposals, I believe competitive districts are critically important to valuing our diverse populations and interests and provides opportunities for a fresh, agile representation which challenges the status quo.

Sincerely,

Diane Anderson

516 22nd Ave NE Great Falls, MT 59404-1610 danderson1070@gmail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:25 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Scot Anderson

From: Scot Anderson sandemt@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Please approve Tentative Commission 3 without revisions. I believe that the Tentative Commission 3 recommendation best represents the Mandatory Criteria and Goals for State Legislative Districts approved by the Districting and Apportionment Commission. Thank you for your great work.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:44 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Dee Anna

From: Dee Anna Deeanna21rf@gmail.com  
Residence: Boulder

Message:

Please vote for TCP -3. It is important that all Montanans have a fair shot at having a voice. Good ideas, policies come from diverse voices working together, not one voice dominating another. Thank you!

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**From:** mappel2409@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margie Appelman <mappel2409@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:42 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Please seriously consider TCP -3 . Way too many Montanans have been disenfranchised by our current legislative session. The majority is NOT 100%. Right now 45+% are not having any voice in our government.

Sincerely,  
Margie Appelman  
72 Brookside Way Missoula, MT 59802-3278 mappel2409@hotmail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Adela Awner

From: Adela Awner awnera@hotmail.com  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

Dear Chairwoman Smith and Members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Please accept my thanks for your many months of work redrawing voting districts since the 2020 Census. Thank you also, for your efforts to include the public and welcome public comment as you have gone through this process.

Re the final map Tentative Commission Plan 3, I fully support the adoption of Plan 3. It is legal and it meets the requirements of the Voting Rights Act. It is basically fair and does not greatly advantage one party over another.

Please adopt TCP-3.

Thank you.  
Adela Awner  
Billings

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Guy Bateman

From: Guy Bateman gdbateman111@gmail.com  
Residence: Polson, MT

Message:

I support the most recent district map (TCP-3). It meets all of the goals the Commission set out to accomplish. It meets the Voting Rights Act requirements. It does not favor one political party over another. Montanans will be better off with this updated map.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:19 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Carole Baumann

From: Carole Baumann asiaticlily@gmail.com  
Residence: Billings

Message:  
Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to adopt Tentative Map 3 which represents our Montanan citizens in a just way/ All voices should be heard if we want a government people can believe in.

Thank you for your service,  
Carole

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**From:** lindabee7999@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Beischel <lindabee7999@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 11:19 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on the final map. As someone who testified before you several times in support of FAIR maps, I KNOW you have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3. I have campaigned door to door with legislative candidates. Constituents often say they want a COMPETITIVE district where politicians have to EARN their vote.

The Commission should not give more weight to the input of politicians (as in JR8) than to members of the public who have been testifying and writing the commission for months. The Montana Constitution created an INDEPENDENT Commission specifically so citizens will have more power than Legislators over district maps. Please don't allow politicians to draw their own "safe" seats and completely change the map. For example, Montana should not take a step backward by eliminating majority-minority seats from the map, like the legislative recommendations suggest you do for House District 42 on the Crow Reservation. Please reject these attacks on Native representation.

TCP-3 BALANCES compactness, keeping communities whole, and avoiding partisan favoritism. It meets all the criteria agreed to by the members of the Commission . PLEASE honor those who have honored and participated in this process and RESIST LAST MINUTE PARTISAN PRESSURE against TCP-3. BALANCE is critical to ensuring all Montanans can be heard in their Legislature.

Sincerely,  
Linda Beischel  
2555 Ferndale Ln Helena, MT 59601-8021  
lindabee7999@gmail.com

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**From:** jean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jean Belangie-Nye <jean@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:55 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Having worked on several campaigns in Western Montana as a support person and candidate, I believe the present redistricting is as equitable as possible. Although some districts look huge they do include like communities and are not splitting up neighborhoods and towns.

I appreciate your dedication to the Redistricting Project and the time it took to come to terms with Montana's far flung communities and diversity.

Thank you for a job well done,

Jean Belangie-Nye

Lolo, Montana

Sincerely,

Jean Belangie-Nye

321 Oconnell Dr Lolo, MT 59847-9709

jean@nyeimage.com

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**From:** tdbertelsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Troy Bertelsen  
<tdbertelsen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:37 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I support your hard work for a fair map of the voting districts as represented in TCP-3.

The Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission specifically so citizens will have more power than Legislators over district maps.

Please pass TCP-3 as is and support fair voting in Montana as was imagined by our visionaries who wrote 'best in the country' Constitution in 1972!

Have a grateful day,

Troy Bertelsen

Bozeman

406-579-0000

tdbertelsen@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Troy Bertelsen

715 E Oak St Bozeman, MT 59715-2416

tdbertelsen@gmail.com

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**From:** jujyfrt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jan Bertelsen-James <jujyfrt@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:31 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I feel the districting map is fair and meets all criteria and goals set by the Commission. I urge you to adopt the map. Thank you for your commitment and hard work.

Jan Bertelsen-James  
Eureka, MT

Sincerely,  
Jan Bertelsen-James  
PO Box 222 Eureka, MT 59917-0222  
jujyfrt@eurekadsl.net

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:27 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Scott Bischke

From: Scott Bischke scott@scottbischke.com  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I support the redistricting map under Tentative Commission Plan 3 (TCP-3). It is good for Montana. TCP-3 meets all the goals you as the Commission set out to accomplish including meeting the Voting Rights Act requirements. It does not, to the best of my understanding, unduly favor one party over another. Montanans will be better off with this updated map. Thanks, Scott Bischke, Bozeman

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**From:** debburfeindsnowmoon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debora Burfeind  
<debburfeindsnowmoon@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for all your hard work on the redistricting issue and staying true to the intentions of not allowing politicians to reconfigure districts that not only break up communities but are only beneficial to certain politicians and don't listen to their constituents.

Sincerely,  
Debora Burfeind  
257 Swiss Dr Kalispell, MT 59901-6332  
debburfeindsnowmoon@gmail.com

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**From:** jeanette.murnane@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeanette Murnane-Butcher  
<jeanette.murnane@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:44 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your work and response to public comment to build a map that is representative of all Montanans. I am supportive of the TCP-3 map because it keeps communities whole, and prevents favoritism of one political party. Additionally, I believe it is important that all reservation communities in Montana have adequate representation in our state legislature, and this map ensures that this will continue. Please continue to listen to the voices of Montanans and adopt TCP-3.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Murnane Butcher

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Murnane-Butcher  
308 Blake St Helena, MT 59601-5313  
jeanette.murnane@gmail.com



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**From:** 419jcal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julian Calabrese <419jcal@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:58 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.I am in support of a balanced fair and unbiased districts map. Any efforts to skew district outcomes shall not be allowed. Please vote in favor of the TCP-3 and reject partisan adjustments.

Sincerely,  
Julian Calabrese  
419 S 5th Ave Bozeman, MT 59715-4518  
419jcal@gmail.com

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**From:** acalhoun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Calhoun  
<acalhoun@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:47 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Please support TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Good evening! First, I want to thank you for your hard work in creating this final map. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate knowing that this plan was created by an Independent Commission to give constituents more power in district maps. While I appreciate what our government officials do, they should not have the ability to draw districts that will keep their positions safe.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Anne Calhoun  
219 E 3rd St Anaconda, MT 59711-2301  
acalhoun@anacondaschools.org

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**From:** mabc729@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melanie Charlson <mabc729@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:22 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your work thus far to create a fair, equitable legislative map.

TCP -3 will serve all Montanans fairly.

Please maintain your support of TCP-3

Sincerely,

Melanie Charlson

2502 Sunridge Ct Missoula, MT 59803-2646 mabc729@gmail.com

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**From:** ocjcinmt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Childress <ocjcinmt@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:08 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for all the hard work you did on the final districting map.

As one who votes with the minority party for the most part, I appreciate the effort the commission made to avoid partisan favoritism and I feel like a balance has been achieved in doing that as well as keeping communities whole and with good compactness overall.

All voters need to have a voice. We comprise the state population.

The Montana Constitution created an independent commission so that citizens would have more power than legislators/politicians who, after all, have vested interests in how the map is drawn.

Please don't allow legislators to draw their own seats. Please don't let attacks on Native representation (as in House District 42 on the Crow Reservation) succeed.

Again, thank you for all your hard works all these many months. Thank you for all the hours of public comment from us, the voters, that you endured.

Sincerely,  
Janet Childress  
2461 Sunlight Cir Helena, MT 59601-5855 ocjcinmt@aol.com

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**From:** Anne Christensen <annelchristensen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:34 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Legislative Redistricting

Please support Tentative Map 3 as it is the most fair map to represent the greatest number of people in Montana. It gives Native Americans a chance at representation and will create districts that are more competitive and likely to represent Republicans and Democrats in proportion to the way people have voted in the past.

Thank you!  
Anne Christensen  
2492 Star Ridge Road  
Bozeman, MT 59715

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**From:** Connie Cole <ccole@mt.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:58 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Comments on legislative redistricting - in favor of TCP-3

Dear Commissioners, the current map (TCP-3) is good for Montana. It meets all of the goals you set out to accomplish including meeting the Voting Rights Act requirements and doesn't unduly favor one party over another. Montanans will be better off with this updated map.

Sincerely,

Connie Cole

6040 Ferry Dr.

Helena, MT 59602-9154

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**From:** pixelpelican@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marita Combs  
<pixelpelican@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:42 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your diligence to the maps. It keeps communities from fragmenting. Thank you for listening to us, who are on the ground working.

Sincerely,  
Marita Combs  
550 S Rolling Hills Rd Eureka, MT 59917 pixelpelican@fahoo.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:03 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Patricia Corry

From: Patricia Corry pat\_corry@yahoo.com  
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I am writing in support of TCP-3 as the best, most fair map for Montana. Thank you.

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**From:** Susan Cottingham <6752cott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:21 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Redistricting plan

I understand the republican majority of the legislature has proposed significant changes to the carefully crafted plan adopted by the Commission after months of work and lots of public input. I urge you to reject these bad proposals. Aside from the gerrymandering being proposed it significantly reduces the ability of our Native American citizens to elect representatives to the legislature. Please do not vote to adopt any of the legislative proposals. Thank you. Susan Cottingham. Helena

Sent from my iPad

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** gcutdy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Glora Curdy <gcutdy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 11:35 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for deliberating in so many meetings and discussing legislature areas maps. Please support TCP-3 map. It is the fairest map for both parties.

Thank you ,  
Gloria Curdy , Missoula

Sincerely,  
Glora Curdy  
21280 KONA RANCH Rd Missoula, MT 59804  
gcutdy@bridgemail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:35 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Bobbi deMontigny

From: Bobbi deMontigny Bdemontigny@gmail.com  
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I appreciate the hard work that went into the final map. TCP-3 is the reflection of public participation. The people have taken hours from their busy lives to let you know what they want. They have written, spoken and participated.

Please continue to honor the citizens of Montana by keeping our voice. This is something that sets our state apart from many others and should be remembered as these final decisions are being made.

Please do not allow politicians to draw their own seats, and please keep the majority-minority seats on the map.

Thank you

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:11 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Natalya DeRobertis-Theye

From: Natalya DeRobertis-Theye natalyadt@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support map TCP-3 and feel it fairly represents Montana.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:45 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Brian Derry

From: Brian Derry bkderry@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Adopt Map TCP-3. This process has received substantial input from citizens and I believe that Map TCP-3 is the most fair and just for equal representation of the citizens of Montana.

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**From:** driscollmaureen748@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maureen Driscoll <driscollmaureen748@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:36 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Please don't allow politicians to draw their own seats and completely change the map. Montana should not take a step backward by eliminating majority-minority seats from the map, like the legislative recommendations I urge you to support TCP-3.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Driscoll  
1932 Wall St Butte, MT 59701-5524  
driscollmaureen748@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** Laurel Emert <lemert.emert655@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 11:29 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** redistricting

Please use the current map, TCP-3 as the map to use in Montana. Thank you. We deserve fairness in MT.

Laurel Emert

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** rfischer94@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roger Fischer <rfischer94@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:01 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Writing in support of Tentative Commission Plan 3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

This is Roger Fischer. I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort you put in to this project. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into Tentative Commission Plan 3. For that, I am grateful. I only have a few more things that I hope you consider.

First, it's important that the Commission not give more weight to input from politicians (who already hold outsized power) than members of the public who have been testifying and writing the commission for months. As you know, The Montana Constitution requires an independent commission specifically to give citizens more power over legislators over district maps. When politicians choose their voters, democracy doesn't work. Please do not allow this.

It is important to me that Montana not eliminate majority-minority seats from the map. I am thinking in particular of the legislative recommendations regarding House District 42 on the Crow Reservation. Native representation matters; please show that with your actions.

As a member of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, your responsibility is to balance multiple criteria to create fair legislative districts. Tentative Commission Plan 3 balances the goals of compactness, keeping communities intact, and avoiding partisan favoritism. This balance is critical to ensuring all Montanans can be heard in their Legislature, and I appreciate your efforts in preserving it.

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



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**From:** ncbigsky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Francis <ncbigsky@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:14 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Of the possible choices for drawing the legislative districts, I strongly support the TCP-3 option. It draws compact, contiguous districts. The districts are drawn on a nonpartisan basis, so the voice of the people is amplified. Officials need to be elected based on the policies they support rather than rigging districts to maintain power. The Montana constitution wisely created an independent commission to create the legislative map. Please support the commission and select TCP-3. Thank you for the countless hours you have spent on this process.

Sincerely,  
David Francis  
740 Evans Ave Missoula, MT 59801-5822  
ncbigsky@yahoo.com

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**From:** annknitgannon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ann gannon  
<annknitgannon@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:34 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Thanks for listening to constituents and working hard on the December map you adopted. We, Montanans want to continue to choose our elected officials rather than having politicians choose their voters. Please keep the map as it is.

Sincerely,

ann gannon

51 Haven Meadow Loop Livingston, MT 59047-9269 annknitgannon@yahoo.com

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**From:** shannonkgrace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Grace-Hammons  
<shannonkgrace@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:09 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Please adopt the fair maps that were tentatively adopted in December. In a time where every single thing has become partisan, please don't allow politicians to choose their voters. Keep with the spirit of democracy and allow the voters to choose their politicians.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Grace-Hammons  
2825 6th Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401-2015 shannonkgrace@yahoo.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** graffiti2893@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Graff <graffiti2893@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

As a grandfather and long-time observer of Montana politics, I am writing to support TCP-3. I can still recall Mike Mansfield's thoughtful, balanced, and inclusive approach to politics. In more recent memory I would cite Bob Brown's service to our state which exemplified those same qualities. I fervently hope that my grand-children will inherit a state which respects all voices. To that end, we need ideas from both major parties as we seek to create solutions to on-going problems to care for our remarkable state.

As you well know, our Constitution created an Independent Commission to deal with redistricting. The public should have more say than politicians who could well seek to redraw the map in order to select their voters.

Please do not delete majority-minority seats from the map as the legislative approach to HB 42 attempts to do.

Given the choices, I support TCP-3 as it does the best job of balancing compactness, keeps communities intact, and avoids political favoritism.

Thank you for listening to Montana citizens and taking our views into account. I can only imagine the hours and hours of work traveling the state and the immense amount of energy that the Commission has invested in this important project. That body of work should not be undermined by short-term, partisan politics. Instead of power grabs and partisan maneuvering, I have high hopes that future generations will see a more balanced political arena, moving away from power politics and toward recovering a spirit of service. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Graff  
824 Beverly Ave Missoula, MT 59801-5916 graffiti2893@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** Laura Halverson <tlaurah@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Oppose GOP SJ 8

Please oppose GOP SJ8. This measure will unfairly exclude the voices of 10% of our voters.

Sent from my iPhone

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** kharbuck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristin Harbuck  
<kharbuck@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:24 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for all the work that you've put in on this commission. I know that it must have felt very thankless at times. I'm writing the support TCP-3. It's a fair map that meets all the requirements and will give all Montanans the best options for representation going forward. Please do not prioritize the voices of any politicians over the public and don't make changes to a map that is good and fair.  
Thank you.

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

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**From:** dkharing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dana Haring <dkharing@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:50 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Dear Members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Thank you for your hard work on the final map. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3. As the final decision arrives, I urge you to remain true to that hard work. The Commission should not give more weight to the input of politicians than members of the public who have been testifying and writing the commission for months.

The nature of the process was created by the Montana Constitution specifically so citizens would have more power than Legislators over district maps.

Please don't allow politicians to draw their own seats and completely change the map.

TCP-3 balances compactness, keeping communities whole, and avoiding partisan favoritism. This balance is critical to ensuring all Montanans can be heard in their Legislature.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Dana Haring

Sincerely,  
Dana Haring  
620 1st Ave W Kalispell, MT 59901-4840  
dkharing@gmail.com

## Sherley, Laura

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:45 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Karen D Harvey

From: Karen D Harvey kdharvey8691@att.net  
Residence: Victor, Montana

Message:

Tentative Map 3 fairly represents Montana and should be adopted as it was presented in early January with no revisions. Tentative Map 3 does NOT need any major changes as the State Legislators are trying to force the Commission to make. It gives a small advantage to Republicans beyond their percentage of voters but is the fairest of any of the Redistricting Maps the Commission considered. For those of us Montanans who are Independent Voters and are given little consideration by the political parties, adopting this map is an important step in giving us a greater opportunity to be heard.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:07 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Alex Hasson

From: Alex Hasson paintedteepee@hotmail.com  
Residence: Columbia Falls MT 59912

Message:  
Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

My name is Alex Hasson and I am writing this brief opinion to let the commission know that I support the Tentative Commission Plan 3 (TCP-3). I believe that this is a fair plan that ensures all Montana's are being heard.

I urge you to please consider Plan 3 (TCP-3) in its entirety.

Thank You,  
Alex Hasson

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:30 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: AMY HETZLER

From: AMY HETZLER ajhetzler@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

TCP3 is a reasonable, collaborative solution to the districting map for Montana. Please approve it!

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:16 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Susan M. Hinkins

From: Susan M. Hinkins hinkins@mcn.net  
Residence: Bozeman Montana

Message:

Tentative Map 3 as presented in early January provides a fair redistricting of the Montana legislative map. Please approve this with no further changes.

Thank you.

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**From:** hipplerju@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Hippler <hipplerju@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:27 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I am writing to ask you to keep the map you adopted in December. It is fair and is the best option for Montana. Please listen to Montanans and not politicians who are trying to draw themselves safe districts. Montana should not take a step backward by eliminating majority-minority seats from the map, like the legislative recommendations suggest you do for House District 42 on the Crow Reservation. Please reject these attacks on Native representation. Thank you for the important work you are doing for Montana!

Sincerely,  
Julie Hippler  
622 Clark Ave Billings, MT 59101-1613  
hipplerju@gmail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:43 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Sue Hoell

From: Sue Hoell suehoell056@gmail.com  
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

I strongly support Tentative Map 3 . Of all the maps suggested, Map 3 most fairly represents Montana.

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**From:** localart2003@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gwen Hoppe <localart2003@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:05 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Dear Commission,

Thank you for all your hard work to create a fair Legislative district map in TCP-3. I like that many citizens have weighed in on it. Because it is carefully considered it gives me confidence in knowing that my vote counts. If the Legislature makes amendments to it in Joint Resolution 8 it will no longer be something from the people. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, Gwen Hoppe

Sincerely,

Gwen Hoppe

733 S 2nd St W Missoula, MT 59801-1826

localart2003@yahoo.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** karenlynn597@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Hutchison Hutchison <karenlynn597@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:39 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on the final map. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3. As a Montanan I appreciate that TCP-3 balances compactness and keeps communities whole. Montana is a state of strong families and communities and I appreciate you taking that into account. Thank you so much !!!

Sincerely,  
Karen Hutchison Hutchison  
1002 5th Ave E Kalispell, MT 59901-5453 karenlynn597@gmail.com



**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** medbow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Candace Jerke <medbow@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:48 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I support Tcp3 because it is fair. Do not politicize this process by making the changes the legislators are proposing. They have no more rights than the actual people of Montana. We have sent comments and suggestions. They could and probably have already had their comments heard. Keep the proposal you came up with. It's fair and equitable

Sincerely,

Candace Jerke

343 One Horse Creek Rd Florence, MT 59833-6736 medbow@bresnan.net

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:57 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Gil Jordan

From: Gil Jordan ontherun@aboutmontana.net  
Residence: Coram

Message:

The current map (TCP-3) is good for Montana. It meets all of the goals this Commission set out to accomplish including meeting the Voting Rights Act requirements and doesn't unduly favor one party over another. Montanans will be better off with this updated map.

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**From:** Gil Jordan <ontherun@aboutmontana.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:58 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Redistricting map

The current map (TCP-3) is good for Montana. It meets all of the goals this Commission set out to accomplish including meeting the Voting Rights Act requirements and doesn't unduly favor one party over another. Montanans will be better off with this updated map.

Kimberly Pinter & Gil Jordan  
Coram, MT

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:55 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Robert Kaiser

From: Robert Kaiser Bobkaiser1@yahoo.com  
Residence: Whitefish, Mt

Message:  
I am in favor of TCP-3. Thanks, Robert Kaiser

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**From:** Holly Kaleczyc <hkaleczyc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:29 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Support Plan 3

Dear Commissioners,

I write to urge you to support Plan 3.

Plan 3 meets constitutional requirements, upholds the Voting Rights Act and is fair to Montanans. Fair means fair to ALL Montanans and I ask that you do not decrease Indian representation, which is the obvious purpose of eliminating H.D. 42.

Plan 3 is not a “pretty” map for Montana Democrats, but is is fair, and Montanans deserve fair treatment.

Thank you for all your work. I know it has not been easy.

Sincerely,

Holly Kaleczyc  
630 N Last Chance Gulch  
Helena

Sent from my iPad

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** birdfrog@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathy Kinzfogl <birdfrog@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:30 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on the final map. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3.

The Commission should not give more weight to the input of politicians than members of the public who have been testifying and writing the commission for months.

The Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission specifically so citizens will have more power than Legislators over district maps.

Please don't allow politicians to draw their own seats and completely change the map.

Montana should not take a step backward by eliminating majority-minority seats from the map, like the legislative recommendations suggest you do for House District 42 on the Crow Reservation. Please reject these attacks on Native representation.

TCP-3 balances compactness, keeping communities whole, and avoiding partisan favoritism. This balance is critical to ensuring all Montanans can be heard in their Legislature.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kinzfogl

22217 Old Mill Rd Bigfork, MT 59911-7866 birdfrog@blackfoot.net

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:07 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Karen Klee

From: Karen Klee kcklee@yahoo.com  
Residence: Billings MY

Message:

I am in favor of tentative map 3. Please vote for competitive districts

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**From:** megan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Megan Lane <megan@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:22 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Please adopt TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you so much for the tremendous amount of work you have put in on this final map. I, and SO many others, are impressed by, and thankful for, the final result.

I understand there are politicians who would like you to make changes; however, the Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission specifically so that citizens will have more power than politicians over district maps.

It is natural for politicians to desire a district map which will favor them or their party. That's their job! But as a 5th generation Montanan I deeply value our robust Constitution and the power it instills for non-partisan districting.

Please adopt TCP-3 without any changes.

Thank you again for your service to the people of Montana!

Sincerely,  
Megan Lane  
3212 Lori Rd Helena, MT 59602-9546  
megan@meganlanephoto.com



**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** nodidyou@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Leathers  
<nodidyou@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:16 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I respectfully request that you remain in keeping with past practices of listening to the citizens of Montana and what this Map should look like and give less weight to what the politicians find beneficial for themselves. I thank you for your attention in this matter and appreciate your time.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Leathers  
2704 2nd Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401-3337 nodidyou@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:16 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Mark Mackin

From: Mark Mackin markmackin@juno.com  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I prefer the Legislative redistricting map sent out by the redistricting commission. It seems to keep communities and political entities as whole as possible for representation.

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**From:** spmconnaha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sean McConnaha  
<spmconnaha@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:59 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Please keep TCP-3! It is the right thing to do for Montanans.

Signed, a Montanan who cares about Montana

Sincerely,

Sean McConnaha

404 Milwaukee Ave Deer Lodge, MT 59722-1071 spmconnaha@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:04 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Nicolette McConnell

From: Nicolette McConnell timandnik@msn.com  
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

Many thanks for taking on this essential task. The independent nature of the Commission is key in creating fair maps for electoral contests. Work on TCP-3 was thoughtful and reflects public interests. Please do not be unduly swayed by legislative attempts to bias that work.

TCP-3 will serve Montana and our citizens well if/when selected.

Sincerely,

Nicolette McConnell

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**From:** btmeasure@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Buck Measure  
<btmeasure@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:57 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your time and energy to establish a fair and balanced map of voting districts across the state of Montana. I strongly believe that politicians should not have the power to draw their own districting maps regardless which party they affiliated with. Please use the information that has been submitted by citizens across the state and adopt the tentative legislative map created by the Districting and Apportionment Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Buck M. Measure  
Kalispell, MT

Sincerely,  
Buck Measure  
635 5th St E Kalispell, MT 59901-5002  
btmeasure@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** Nancy Milewski <nhmserene@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:56 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Redistricting Plans

Please support the Commission's Plan 3 which appears to respect our State's constitution and provide for fair, non-partisan districting.

Thank you,  
Nancy Milewski  
Choteau, MT

## **Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** Slim and Sharon Miller <2slimshar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Proposed redistricting map - in support

We support the new map as proposed by the redistricting committee.

Thanks

Doug and Sharon Miller  
1213 9th Ave  
Helena, Mt 59601

## Sherley, Laura

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**From:** rnr <roberts299@bresnan.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:05 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** LWVMT Comments on Tentative Map 3  
**Attachments:** Feb 10 Public Comment .docx

I am submitting the attached comments on Tentative Map 3 on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana.

Rosanne Nash  
Board Member, League of Women Voters of Montana



Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
Public Comment Friday, February 10  
From Rosanne Nash, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana

Commission Chair Smith, Members of the Commission:

My name is Rosanne Nash, spelled "N A S H" and I am here today to speak on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana.

Thank you to each of the Commissioners for your time and effort throughout this process, and for the honor and respect you have shown for the involvement of Montana citizens.

The League appreciates the transparency and public participation the Commission maintained throughout the process of Congressional and Legislative map drawing. Montana is blessed to have strong public participation rights embedded in our Constitution. Citizens of other states do not have the degree of access to information and participation that Montanans have.

The process has resulted in Tentative Map 3, which the League supports as it was presented to the Montana Legislature. Tentative Map 3 is in keeping with the maps drawn by previous redistricting commissions.

- It provides minority majority districts for representation of Native Americans.
- It strikes a balance in partisan districts that approximates the distribution of voters between the two major political parties.
- It fairly represents the diversity of the people of Montana.

The League of Women Voters urges the Commission to adopt Tentative Map 3 without substantive changes.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** jdeneeve@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John de Neeve  
<jdeneeve@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:16 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Please support TCP-3. It is the most nonpartisan solution to the gerrymandering of districts in Montana.

I am not an expert but have read quite a bit about the process in the newspapers. You have followed the process that is set out by our state constitution and I personally feel that it is as fair of a process as can be done.

I am a democrat and feel strongly that

Our percentage of voters should be fairly represented. And yet I know it still really isn't perfectly fair even after this process. But I am also a realist and know that our legislative is a super majority Republican one. So please vote for TP-3, it's the best we can do considering this. Please don't open this up to any more maneuvering by the legislature, that will ruin any semblance' of balance in the districting.

Thank you for your time.

John de Neeve

Sincerely,

John de Neeve

5604 Bridger Ct # CTNO2 Missoula, MT 59803-3044 jdeneeve@yahoo.com

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**From:** feldbruggee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emilie Neuwerth  
<feldbruggee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:06 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.First, thank you for all the hard work you do on behalf of the People of Montana. I am writing in regards to the final districting map. The map needs to be a fair and honest representation of the People of Montana. Districts should not be based on politics. If you draw lines that favor one party over the other you are being disingenuous to the goal. Let not power nor ambition color your choice. The People of Montana deserve that from you. Your choice should be for All Montanans not just a Few so everyone's voice can be heard. When you finalize the map, please realize what you do now either helps create or destroy the future for All Montanans. Finally, as you know, the map needs to meet the goals set by the Commission. Thank you for your time. Emilie Neuwerth Great Falls, MT

Sincerely,  
Emilie Neuwerth  
225 26th St NW Great Falls, MT 59404-2036 feldbruggee@gmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:44 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Mary Nordhagen

From: Mary Nordhagen mnordhagen@live.com  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Please adopt the Tentative Map 3 as it was presented in early January. While this still gives a small advantage to Republicans beyond their percentage of voters, it is as fair as can be expected. Do not give in to the Legislature pushing for more!

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**From:** erinnuzzo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erin Nuzzo <erinnuzzo@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:33 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the TCP-3 legislative map. Thank you so much for your hard work on the final map. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3.

In finalizing the map, the Commission should not give more weight to the input of politicians than members of the public who have been testifying and writing the commission for months. The Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission so citizens would have more power than Legislators over district maps.

Please don't allow politicians to draw their own seats and completely change the map. Montana should not take a step backward by eliminating majority-minority seats from the map, like the legislative recommendations suggest you do for House District 42 on the Crow Reservation. Please reject these attacks on Native representation.

TCP-3 balances compactness, keeping communities whole, and avoiding partisan favoritism. This balance is critical to ensuring all Montanans can be heard in their Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** bintyobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John OBrien  
<bintyobrien@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:00 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

The map tentatively adopted in December is fair and the best option for Montana. I encourage the commission to listen to Montanans, not politicians who are trying to draw themselves safe districts. We the voters choose our elected officials, they don't choose their voters.

Sincerely,  
John OBrien  
40 E Granite St Apt 4G Butte, MT 59701-9367 bintyobrien@gmail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:17 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Carolyn Pardini

From: Carolyn Pardini 1cjpardini@gmail.com  
Residence: Polson, MT

Message:  
I support Map TCP-3 and feel it fairly represents Montana.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:10 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: David Patenaude

From: David Patenaude dpatenaude1@yahoo.com  
Residence: Belgrade, MT

Message:

We all have the right to be represented in our legislature and adopting a fair, legal map that represents our communities is the first step toward making sure that happens! It's more important than ever to ensure the MDAC commissioners hear from real Montana citizens about how good TCP-3 is for our state. It meets all of the goals this Commission set out to accomplish including meeting the Voting Rights Act requirements and doesn't unduly favor one party over another and Montanans will be better off with this updated map.

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**From:** montana1man2003@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Paterson <montana1man2003@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:44 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.MT has one of the best systems of all states for re-apportionment. Once the process is completed an accommodational decision has been made. It should be supported by all parties. TCP-3 Balances compactness, keep's communities intact and avoids favoritism. This is a basic requirement of a democracy. Thank you for your service. Mike Paterson

Sincerely,

Michael Paterson

3906 Heritage Dr Billings, MT 59102-4336 montana1man2003@yahoo.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** pick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caroline Pickolick <pick@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:00 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on drawing new district maps. I feel the December map is the best option for fairness to voters.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Pickolick  
1701 Maurice Ave Missoula, MT 59801-5903 pick@montana.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** erradke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Radke <erradke@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:25 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Hi

Please support TCP-3. There was a lot of hard work put into this and seems the fairest option and not politically lined.

Thanks Randy R

Sincerely,  
Randy Radke  
85 Brahma Blvd Belgrade, MT 59714-8871  
erradke@hotmail.com

**Sherley, Laura**

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**From:** shaunareichert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shauna Reichelt  
<shaunareichert@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:31 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Please adopt TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Please leave TCP-3 as is.

You all have worked very hard to design this legislative map, taking into consideration all of the commission's goals and an abundance of voter comment. You have designed a thoughtful, fair plan, a sheer balancing act of the many issues and impacts to the voters. Don't be influenced by a self-driven few to change it to meet their personal needs.

Sincerely,  
Shauna Reichelt  
2424 Rimrock Rd Billings, MT 59102-0556 shaunareichert@bresnan.net

## Sherley, Laura

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:40 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Gail and John Richardson

From: Gail and John Richardson envirogail@q.com  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Thank you again for your hard work in coming out with an excellent Tentative Commission Plan (TCP-3). This has been a long and arduous process but the people of Montana deserve no less. Legislative redistricting is always fraught with contention and controversy, each political side wanting the best for itself. The Commission's task has always been to sift through the various points to find what is best for the people of MT. Your tentative plan meets the goals you set out, including adherence to the Voting Rights Act. Your plan does not unduly favor one party over the other. Your plan is fair to all Montanans and should be adopted. We thank you again so much for your efforts and listening to the voices of everyday Montanans who care deeply about the state of our democracy and the future of our great state.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:13 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Lisa Robertson

From: Lisa Robertson lisa292@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula

Message:  
I support Map TCP-3 and feel it fairly represents Montana.

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**From:** jreny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julia Renee Rose <jreny@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:52 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on this map. Please support TCP-3. It is a balanced approach allowing the voices of ALL Montanans and avoids party favoritism. Please keep in mind that the elected officials should not be given any more credence than the citizensof this fine state.

Thank you,

Renee Rose

Sincerely,  
Julia Renee Rose  
582 Reserve Rd Libby, MT 59923-8924  
jreny@kvis.net

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**From:** missdeniseeb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise Rutledge  
<missdeniseeb@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:29 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your service to our state and for taking public comment into your consideration. What a monumental task you've undertaken! I appreciate the time and effort that has gone into this work. It is important that all citizens' opinions are considered in this decision and not just left up to legislators, as there would definitely be a conflict of interest in allowing them to define districts to ensure their own re-elections. The creation and use of a Commission is the best way to make sure our redistricting is for the benefit of all Montanans and not just for the individuals that it ultimately selects to represent us. Major-minority seats must be kept. Communities need to be left whole. Again, thank you for your time on this issue and thanks for listening to the public.

Sincerely,  
Denise Rutledge  
726 49th St S Great Falls, MT 59405-5731 missdeniseeb@ayhoo.com



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**From:** toddleet53@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Todd M.Samson <toddleet53@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:20 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Hello,

I think it is important to remember during redistricting that we are an American democracy and manipulating districts to gain votes is not in the light of democracy, but a slippery slope toward fascist rule.

I remember when Montana was a purple state and people were kind to each other, I miss those days.

Denial is not getting this country anywhere and fascism is budding steadily across the USA. Let's be Montanans and do something different.

WE ARE NOT TEXAS, we are Montana and let's stay that way.

Sincerely,

Todd M Samson

Sincerely,

Todd M. Samson

826 Breckenridge St Helena, MT 59601-4432

toddleet53@gmail.com

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**From:** jillschaunaman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jill Schaunaman  
<jillschaunaman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:14 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for all your work on the final map. The framers of the Montana Constitution created an independent so that citizens have more power the politicians. Please pay attention to the many comments and testimonies from citizens. The commission worked hard to create a fair map. Please don't allow politicians to demand destructive changes.

I support TCP-3

Sincerely,  
Jill Schaunaman  
1031 E Olive St Bozeman, MT 59715-3854  
jillschaunaman@gmail.com

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**From:** lindasemones@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Semones  
<lindasemones@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:24 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Dear Independent Redistricting and Apportionment Committee,

I was honored to make public comment before you in Bozeman, Montana. Members of the public who spoke, from all political views, made intelligent comments supported by the details of their life in the diverse areas in this part of the State of Montana. Everyone there spoke politely, respectfully, and often pointed out the need for all the political parties to work together for the good of the state. Bipartisanship was on display and it made me very proud. I believe that map TCP-3 represents this bipartisan spirit. Please don't change this map to suit the political ambitions of any one party. Our Constitution created an independent bipartisan commission exactly to avoid this result. Our Constitution is amazing, and was designed to give the people of Montana just as much or more say than the partisan politicians who would like to change this map. Under our system, politicians are not allowed to draw their own boundaries. Rather, your hardworking and independent committee does this work, after listening to the public discuss where those lines should be drawn. Thank you so much for all the work you have done. Please keep map TCP-3 intact.

Sincerely,

Linda Semones

404 S Church Ave Bozeman, MT 59715-4817 lindasemones@hotmail.com

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**From:** versever55@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Severson <versever55@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Thank you for your hard work on the final map. You have listened to hours of public comment and thoughtfully incorporated much of that input into TCP-3.

I am pleased that the Montana Constitution created an Independent Commission specifically so citizens will have more power than Legislators over district maps.

Please don't allow politicians to draw their own seats and completely change the map.

Please stand by your map TCP-3 as it is fair for Montana.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
David Severson  
2417 42nd St Missoula, MT 59803-1165  
versever55@gmail.com

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**From:** psimmons100@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Simmons <psimmons100@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Say yes on new districting TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

I appreciate all your time, discussions, hearings, public input and I have reviewed. Fairness in voting is absolutely critical so all Montanans can feel that candidates from both parties have good chances to win. Being able to vote a reasonable distance from home or by mail is also critical. I'm a 45 year resident of Bozeman and strongly favor equality of women with men, and in all the other aspects of life, I worry that our Native American reservations don't have a strong voice in MT and are discriminated because their lifestyles are different from whites. Republican Party now controls most everything in MT and I want to believe I have an equal ability for Democrats to win. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Simmons  
357 Pine Creek Dr Bozeman, MT 59718-8628 psimmons100@gmail.com

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:35 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Janyne Slabaugh

From: Janyne Slabaugh jslasbsug@whidbey.com  
Residence: Big Sky, MT

Message:

I am writing in support of Map TCP-3 as I feel it fairly represents Montana.

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**From:** John Smillie <j.s.dickson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:20 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** Comment on redistricting plans

Members of the 2020 Districting Commission:

I am writing to encourage your support for proposed Commission Plan 3 and in opposition to the proposal embodied in GOP SJ8.

Commission Plan 3 has received broad public support, meets all mandatory constitutional requirements, upholds the Voting Rights Act, does not unduly favor a political party and guarantees equal representation for all Montanans. It's a good plan for Montana.

The legislature's SJ8 has support of only Republican legislators and would adopt obvious gerrymanders, violate the Voting Rights Act and the Montana Constitution, reduce Indian community representation in the legislature, and unduly favor the GOP.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

- John Smillie  
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4111 June Drive  
Billings, MT 59106  
406-652-6625 (H)  
406-698-6673 (c)

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Joan Marrin Smith

From: Joan Marrin Smith joanmarrin@gmail.com  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

I support TCP-3. I believe it is fair for all Montanans. I hope you will support it.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:32 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Hope Barr Smith

From: Hope Barr Smith hopebarrsmith@gmail.com  
Residence: Red Lodge MT

Message:

Since the redistricting process will define House and Senate legislative districts for the next ten years they districts need to be equitable. We need to secure a fair legislative map for Montana. Please adopt Tentative Map 3 without substantive changes

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:28 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Andy Stark

From: Andy Stark starkconstructionmt@gmail.com  
Residence: Polson, Montana

Message:

Hello I thought the whole point of a non partisan panel to set district voting lines is to be non partisan so it is completely useless to take input from a partisan legislature. Keep the maps the way the commission voted.

Thanks

Andy Stark

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 11:42 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Patricia Steinmuller

From: Patricia Steinmuller psteinmul@msn.com  
Residence: Bozeman, Motana

Message:

Chairwoman Smith and Commission Members. My name is Patricia Steinmuller. I live in Bozeman. I support Tentative Commission Plan 3. The commission has made recent adjustments according to comments by the public and elected officials. I have read the SJ8 Joint House Senate Resolution and request that no further changes be made in map TCP-3.

Living on Bozeman's far east side, my Senate district would be SD 29 composed of HD 57 and HD 58 (includes Livingston). I would be in HD 57, which would be more competitive than the district in which I now live. Composed of residents on Bozeman's east side, Gardiner, Cooke City, Clyde Park, and Paradise Valley, this district would represent a continuum of interests, some common interests, and others less so. However, over time, with population increases and increased transportation needs, commonalities are likely to increase within this geographically large Senate district.

Map TCP-3 is configured fairly for House and Senate districts, and I support adoption of this map without additional changes. Thank you.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:00 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Peter W Talbot

From: Peter W Talbot petetalbot@montana.com  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Please pass the map without any legislative changes. How long has this process been going on? Six months? A year? How many public hearings? Nine, ten? Not to mention the testimony of hundreds of Montana citizens. It's time to get it done. Don't mess with it anymore.

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 10:23 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Ginny Wright Therriault

From: Ginny Wright Therriault ginnytherriault@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula

Message:  
Map 3 should be adopted because it is fair!!

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**From:** masuria@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JULIA BROZIO TODD  
<masuria@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:17 PM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

Dear members of the Montana Districting and Appointment Committee, Thank you for your final map. You have taken public comments and testaments in consideration. I thank you for that. TCP-3 is population equal and complies with the federal Voting Rights Act and our Montana Constitution. Sincerely, Julia Brozio Todd

Sincerely,  
JULIA BROZIO TODD  
6917 Siesta Dr Missoula, MT 59802-5307  
masuria@mtwi.net

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**From:** Im chinn <lmchinn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** TCP-3

Please support TCP-3 for redistricting in Montana that is fair to ALL voters.

Thank you  
Mary ShrierChinn  
Larry Chinn  
Darby Mt

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**From:** MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:28 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** MDAC Comment from: Kristen Walser

From: Kristen Walser kristen.walser@gmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Thank you for your diligent work to thoroughly examine our Montana districts, including 'Communities of Interest'. I support Tentative Commission Plan 3 as most fairly representing my community. Everyone's voice should be heard.

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**From:** zavodnys@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Zavodny  
<zavodnys@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 5:33 AM  
**To:** Districting  
**Subject:** In Support of TCP-3

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Commissioners (via email),

.Please keep a balanced and fair map. Do not give in to politicians. Montana needs to be fair to everyone.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Zavodny  
46 E Nicklaus Ave Kalispell, MT 59901-2771 zavodnys@centurytel.net