

Additional webform comments from November 1 to 3, 2021 (in addition to those in the alphabetized packet)

Name	Email	City/State	Webform Message
Carrie French	carrief3@hotmail.com	MT	I dislike map 12 because it eliminates competitive districts by putting Lewis and Clark County in the East.
			<p>The inability of partisans to make a decision that does not favor their party is an expected result. The rules then refer the decision to the Presiding Officer. However, her past history, speaking engagements, personal comments and actions are partisan. If Ms Smith decides this to the disadvantage of the dominant party in Montana, there will be endless problems and distrust of her, the commission, and the Supreme Court who appointed her. This is not wise and will continue to produce a division of the people in Montana. The people or their elected representatives should be the deciders if the commission cannot do the job. Since this is not allowed by the parameters controlling the decision, I make the argument that those not in the dominant legislative party should accept the map proposed by the dominant party. This assures Montanans that for the non-dominant party to win they need to start pleasing more Montanans rather than gaining office by pleasing a smaller number concentrated to their advantage. Ultimately this benefits all Montanans and creates a more equitable solution for the majority no matter where they live in the state. Regards Bob Williams</p>
Robert G Williams	mthlc@3rivers.net	Mc Allister	
			<p>I tried to submit the comment drop on the redistricting map. It does not work, freezes up on processing. I would like to put my comment about the proposals In viewing them, I support CP12. Keeping the western half of Montana with only one split county is good. The other ones split too many counties. Also It splits the population near 1/2 of the state which is fair. Thank You for taking my comment.</p>
Valerie Radu	erbchoice@hushmail.com	Helena	
			<p>Montana is a state with diverse views and values, though it is often portrayed as a deeply conservative state. It is highly important that we make our elections fair to all political views and lend all constituents the opportunity to have their voices heard in our federal government. If you marginalize and entire faction of Montana voters by making their chances of winning representation in an election, you will discourage them from voting altogether. This is not gerrymandering like the Republicans are arguing, it is equitable representation. Gerrymandering is of concern when you sway an entire state in one political direction, which is the full intent of the Republicans despite their veiled arguments about compact districts.</p>
Anne Ross	anne.menge@gmail.com	Bozeman, MT	
David Strawser AND Ann Strawser	joserval14@gmail.com	Bigfork, Montana 59911	<p>WE support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it has been and belongs!! · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 (one) county · WE don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead County in the east, which is a totally ridiculous proposal · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. WE DO NOT SUPPORT IT!!! · CP13 splits too many Counties unnecessarily · WE NEED TO keep Lewis and Clark County whole !!!!!</p>
Kim Rott	krott64@msn.com	Missoula, MT 59803	<p>Dear Redistricting Commission, Having lived in Montana for 40 years and being a political moderate, I urge you to select Map #11. Our state and our nation's greatest problem is political divisiveness because renders us unable to solve any other problems. A major reason for this divisiveness is that Representatives from non-competitive districts have no incentive to compromise or seek common ground. For this reason, it is imperative we create competitive districts where representatives will be forced to listen to the needs of all of their constituents. Thank you for your work and your consideration.</p>

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Sandy Mack	smack.aquest@onewest.net	Missoula, MT	Hello, I support Redistricting Map 11. Please select this map. Thank you.
Eric Stimson	estimson@gmail.com	Helena	Dear Commission Members, So-called "safe" districts, where one major party always wins, makes for extreme candidates, on the left or the right, who need to please the extreme wings of their party. This is not good for our American Democracy, which is under siege right now. PLEASE select a district map for Montana where, in at least one of our House districts, both parties have a fighting chance. I support either Map 11 or Map 13. Thank you for all the work you have put in to this important job. Eric Stimson
John Michael Vore	tcmbigsky@yahoo.com	Helena, montana	I advocate for Map 11.
Teresa Ann Bore	tcmbigsky@gmail.com	Helena	I advocate Map 11.
Kathryn McEnery	k.kilbridge@yahoo.com	Deer Lodge	I think Map #5 is the best.
JoAnn Hanson	jhansonmt@gmail.com	Helena, MT	I continue to support map 11 for our Congressional districts. Map 11 will provide Montana voters with the best division to represent their common interests. It is especially important that Jefferson and Broadwater counties are in the same district as Helena since many residents from those counties work and shop in Helena.
Cydnie (Carlie) Boland	ccboland35@gmail.com	Great Falls, MT	I oppose maps CP10 & CP12. Both maps heavily favor the Republican party, violating the commissions goals of not unduly favoring a political party. It's vital to keep the districts competitive. Maps CP11 & CP13 meet the criteria the commission set as one of their goals. I fully support CP11 & CP13 maps.
Rabecca Lindal	rlindal@yahoo.com	HELENA	I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole
Valerie Martin	mvmartin@bresnan.net	Great Falls	I support Map CP12. I do so because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It will include both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District which gives the tribes a stronger voice. It also keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole.
Katie Catlett	katecat1872@gmail.com	Bozeman, MT	Map 12 does not represent Montana's traditional values in election of political parties. The western district needs a closer split to represent Montanans historically choosing a balance of political parties. Rarely do we have a sweep of one party. The western district needs to reflect that tradition and not unduly favor one party. Choose Map 11 over Map 12. Maps 10 and 13 split Gallatin County, which does not make sense to me as a resident. No map is going to be perfect, but Map 11 meets the goals of the commission better than any of the rest. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Daniel Zolnikov	daniel.zolnikov@gmail.com	Billings, MT	I am proud to have served four terms as a state representative from Billings. Having been elected by citizens of Yellowstone County to represent them in Helena, I am very familiar with Lewis and Clark County. Yellowstone and Lewis and Clark Counties have many similarities in terms of their economies, with urban cores surrounded by agricultural lands. I am originally from Roundup and have driven through Lavina, Harlowton, White Sulpher Springs and Townsend, all small Montana towns with similar perspectives and agricultural economies. After spending years driving back and forth between Helena and Billings, I believe that the whole of Lewis and Clark County belongs in a Congressional district with eastern and central Montana counties.
Sherry A Jones	sherryjones2007@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	I am solidly against Proposal 12. It intentionally supports one political party over the other. By contrast, I support Proposal 11 and encourage you to do so as well.
James McGlasson	mcglasson.gene@gmail.com	Libby	Keep Kalispell with Lincoln county. Cp 12 please
Leslee Tschida	lkschida58@gmail.com	Missoula, MT	Members of the MT Districting and Apportionment Commission: Map CP12 best meets the objectives of the commission. It's areas are compact, contiguous and only one county is split whereas 3 counties are split in Map CP13. In addition, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater are largely agricultural counties and should remain in the East. CP12 is a map that follows all the mandatory legal criteria and therefore I urge the Commission to select map CP12. Thank you for your efforts in this very important endeavor.
Blaine Jensen	b.squires@hotmail.com	Missoula, MT	Good day, I just wanted to correct the record on my comment submitted to the MyDistricting Montana map online. I mistakenly submitted it as a "Like," because I was set to give reasons that I like map 11, and too late, noticed that it was commentary on map 12. I tried resubmitting, but wanted to send my correct response and there was no administrator contact on the app. I dislike map 12 and prefer map 11, because map 11 most closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality. This will create one district that is competitive in elections. That district will include a reservation, ensuring that every candidate in that district will have to rely on indigenous votes to win elections, thereby elevating the interests of indigenous people, which is good for the whole state. Thanks for allowing me to correct my input and thanks for providing the forum for public commentary at <a href="https://app.mydistricting.com/legdistricting/comments/plan/31/23">https://app.mydistricting.com/legdistricting/comments/plan/31/23</a> Best regards, Blaine Jensen
Bryce Hughes	bryce.e.hughes@gmail.com	Belgrade, MT	Please consider map 11 over map 10. If we're looking to strike a balance with all the criteria that are being considered, like compactness, equal population, and competitiveness, map 11 gets much closer at that goal. It seems way too easy to carve Montana into two districts that Republicans can hold onto, and in a state where Jon Tester can get 51% of the vote, a competitive district makes sure Democrats have a chance at fair representation in government. Map 11 keeps the Gallatin Valley, and other communities that are tied economically, together in a single district, and the population difference is almost negligible. Thank you for your hard work at this process!
Bruce Weide	wildsentry@gmail.com	HAMILTON, MT	I believe that the redistricting map that includes Bozeman in the western district should be chosen as it would reflect the diversity of our state.

Amber Dailey	missacarr@hotmail.com	Polson, Montana	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map Chair Smith and Commissioners, The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law. Please also note that Montanans are sick of elected officials breaking rules/laws (I don't care which party you belong to). If these pro-posed maps are breaking our laws, just stop it. The people in Montana play by the rules, and it's time everyone in elected public offices do the same. Thank you for your consideration. Amber Dailey 40540 S Terrace Circle Polson, Mt 59860 (406)570-2600 Missacarr@hotmail.com
Janet Louise Davis	wkimd123@centurytel.net	Kalispell, MT	Dear Mr. Chairman and the Commission: I am strongly urging that Proposal 11 will be used for the redistricting process! Proposal 12 is intentionally drawing districts to heavily favor the Republican party, which violates the Commission's goal of unduly favoring a political party. And this is not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal. The proposal separates communities, leading to their interests being ignored. Proposal 12 ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Again, I am using the democratic process of weighing in this redistricting issue, and urge you to follow Proposal 11. Thank you for listening!
John S. Turner	jsturner62@gmail.com	Dillon, Montana	To the committee members, Thank you for the arduous duty you have endured over the past year or more. I respectfully submit my support for map # 12 since it closely follows the intent of the process. Sincerely John S Turner
Jennifer Stein	jenstein007@gmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	I am full support of Proposal 11 regarding redistricting. I believe this plan will allow all voices on Montana to be heard and provide a balance to our state. I stand with Unions and Educators in Montana.
Pamela Diedrich	pdiedrich959@gmail.com	Butte	I have already submitted a letter expressing my views that map CP2 is the map I would choose for drawing new political boundaries. I still hold with this view that CP2 is the fairest map, as all the other maps split counties. I am especially opposed to splitting Gallatin County (CP10 and CP13 come to mind). Gallatin County has way too many problems from its rapid growth to be represented by two different Congressional Candidates. We should be working to solve Montana problems not creating more. Likewise, CP12 clearly creates two non-competitive districts by putting Lewis and Clark County in the East. I believe CP2 holds closest to the guidelines given the appointed Commission Members in how to draw new political boundaries. It has no split counties and it promotes competitive voting districts. I believe all elected and appointed officials should follow the laws and guidelines given them when they are asked to execute the will of the people. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting issue. Pamela Diedrich
Debra Sattler and Dean Yashan	yashansattler@yahoo.com	JEFFERSON CITY, MT	We prefer map 11 as it seems to be more fairly draw and does not split counties. We believe this map more closely fits the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts and the Goals for Congressional Districts. Thanks to all the committee members for there hard work and dedication to Montana.
Dr. William Nickolas Hagen	wnhagen@outlook.com	Bigfork,MT	Clearly the Gerrymandering plan proposed to cut Flathead County in half will not stand. You are trying to illegally and unconstitutional make an Liberal district in a conservative state. Make it a clean east-west split like it was before. Keep it the same and it will be fair.
Laurie Kaye Haller	hallerkaye@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	Option 11 is the most fair. Thank you.

Perry Gliessman      perrygliessman@gmail.com      Butte, Montana

Greetings, I urge you to reconsider and adopt Map 2 for our new Congressional District boundaries. This appears to be the only one of the array of maps presented to date that meets the criteria established to guide the redistricting process; as well as keeping existing local and county jurisdictions unbroken. I fail to see a legitimate reason for continuing to develop new proposals; particularly when they do not meet the established criteria. Sincerely, Perry Gliessman

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Map 12 is unacceptable: -This plan creates two district that are not competitive and intentionally draws both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violating this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party. Republicans won every single statewide election in both of these districts in the most recent election. There were 8 statewide races in 2020 and Republicans won all of them in both districts. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal. - This plan separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day, and it makes no sense at all to separate the two communities. -This plan intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral. It's contrary to the commissions guidelines seeking to group communities with similar interests. -This plan slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Galaltin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2. -This plan splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. County splits should respect communities of interest and large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county. -This plan ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice. Map 13: This plan is population equal, with only a one person difference between the two districts. This plan includes the Flathead and Blackfeet Reservations in a competitive district, meaning that any candidate who runs for the seat on either side of the aisle must win over Native voters in order to win. This plan does not unduly favor any political party because it establishes a truly competitive district. This plan keeps Flathead County whole, and is a major move toward consensus, which has taken a lot of give and take on both sides. This plan follows the historical precedent of the 1980's congressional map, keeping intact as many historical communities of interest as possible while achieving perfect population equality that acknowledges where Montanans live today. This plan recognizes the importance of county lines, city limits, and communities of interest. It splits no cities or towns and achieves population equality by acknowledging community of interest concerns in Lewis & Clark and Gallatin Counties. The tourism economies centered around Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are both included in the western district, keeping a bipartisanly recognized community of interest intact. The Canadian interface has representation in both districts, which addresses a concern raised by citizens along the border. Both districts include sections of the Empire Builder Amtrak line, meaning both Representatives will have to advocate for funding for the train line. This plan ensures District 2 has strong rural voices. Of the major cities in Montana, only Great Falls and Billings are in District 2, ensuring one seat where rural voices will be a majority. This plan keeps the union towns of Helena, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, and Butte in the same district. Map 11: If map 13 is not chosen, then Map 11 at least provides ONE competitive district while still meeting all the rest of the commission's criteria.

Jorene Williams

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I support CP 12. It keeps the Flathead in the Western District. does not divide evey many counties.

Joanne MacConnachie Morrow	morrowjoanne5@gmail.com	Niarada, Montana	My name is Joanne Morrow and I live at 730 Battle Butte Road, Niarada, Montana, which is in the southern tip of Flathead County. I would like to express my opinion about the Montana redistricting maps to the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission. I am in favor of the map formerly numbered 11, the one that puts most of Flathead County in the eastern district and keeps Gallatin County intact in the western district, as well as Lewis and Clark County. I think this is the only remaining map that allows at least one competitive district! Please make the right decision. Thank you for listening to my opinion, Joanne Morrow 730 Battle Butte Road, Niarada, MT 59845-9524 406-261-2699
gonnie i siebel	gonnie.siebel@gmail.com	Bozeman	Reading through the various arguments, I write in support of proposal 11 as the one that makes most sense. Especially my county of Gallatin is organically united in various efforts and work related and should not be split up.
Linda Harmon	klase2@yahoo.com	Scobey, MT	Map # 12 is the best situated for Montana. Only one county is split and population quite equal.
Kathryn L Johnson	kljohnson_22@yahoo.com	Polson, MT	The website was down. I received a different link, which worked! I support Map CP12 because: · It keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it actually is located; · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district; · It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole; · It only splits one county; I don't like CP11 because: it puts most of Flathead county in the east, which is not logical and seems like gerrymandering, since Whitefish is left in the west; CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans and not a serious map; · CP13 splits too many counties; · We should keep Lewis and Clark county whole. Sincerely, Kathryn L. Johnson Polson, MT
Sherilyn Renner	sherilyn.renner@gmail.com	Bozeman MT	Please keep Gallatin County in one district. The county and city are working together; they have developed a county wide trail system and are working on a cohesive health plan. I ask respectfully that you choose map 11 which keeps Gallatin Co in the one voting area.
Jessica Samuelson	jessicasamuelson@midriver s.com	Roundup, MT	I support CP12 Jessica Samuelson Key Insurance of Roundup P.O. Box 157 Roundup MT 59072 406-323-2055
Sheri Dietsch	skdietsch@msn.com	Stevensville Montana	I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole It only splits one county I don't like CP11 because it puts most of Flathead County in the east. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it CP13 splits too many counties It keeps Lewis and Clark county whole Sincerely, We The People Sheri Dietsch

I have tried without success to submit my comment on Map 12 using the map format with out success. So I am emailing directly to you. My comments are in response to the Committee comment that Map 12 had insufficient review and are focused on Map 12, it's deficiencies, and why it should not be considered as the final choice. Developing districts that provide all MT citizens an opportunity for an equal voice in their governance is a challenging task and the effort undertaken by the committee is much appreciated. Although at first glance Map 12 appears to meet the committee goals, closer review shows that it fails 3 of the 4 goals. By putting Lewis and Clark County into the Eastern District it fails to keep communities of interest intact, eliminates competitiveness, and unduly favors a political party. By excluding Lewis and Clark County from the Western District it ignores the shared heritage and interest of the I-15 communities of Butte, Helena, and Jefferson City. The inclusion of Lewis and Clark county in District 2 eliminates any possibility for a competitive district within the state, unduly favoring the Republican Party. Map 12 would effectively silence half the population of the State. A healthy democracy welcomes input from all its citizens, not just a subset of its citizens. Competitive districts support a healthy democracy by providing the opportunity for all voices to be heard, for advancing and discussing differing perspectives, and for compromise, which are all requisite to solving the complex problems we face. If we are to remain competitive as a State and as a Country, we need to ensure that our democracy remains healthy and that all Montanan's have the opportunity through their Members of Congress to work together to bring the best ideas and solutions to the table, which Map 12 does not provide.

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Norma Jean Walker hoottree06@yahoo.com HELENA CP12 is the only way to be fair for all Montanans!

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Dave Hemion	davehmontana@gmail.com	Montana City, Montana	<p>Please adopt Map 11 or the compromise Map 13. No map is perfect. But Maps 11 and 13 give social justice advocates in western Montana a fair opportunity to elect a candidate, regardless of political party, who will champion measures to reduce threats from climate change, protect our democracy from acts of voter suppression, defend our natural environment from degradation (as enshrined in the Montana Constitution), and advance a fair tax system that does not penalize middle class workers. Map 12 unduly favors candidates who will likely actively thwart or even subvert the goals outlined above and other goals advanced by progressives. The climate catastrophe is my greatest fear, as it threatens the lives of my sons, grandsons, their families and us all for generations to come. The cities of Missoula, Bozeman, Helena and Whitefish have adopted measures to combat the deterioration of our climate. They must be kept together in the western district, so their representative can speak on their behalf. Please consider this. Missoula City and County have committed to 100% Clean Electricity by 2030. Bozeman issued a Mayor's Proclamation to reduce net emissions by 26% by 2025, implement 100% net clean electricity by 2030, and a 50% reduction in net emissions by 2050. Bozeman adopted a new Climate Plan in 2020. Helena's Resolution 20592 adopts a goal of 100% clean electricity for the Helena community by the year 2030, with an interim goal of 80% by 2025. Whitefish adopted its Whitefish Climate Action Plan in 2018 with the overarching goal of reducing city facility emissions by 26% by 2025. Whitefish endorsed a federal carbon fee and dividend bill, the Energy Innovation and Carbon dividend Act, in 2020. Missoula, Helena, and Bozeman sent a joint letter to Montana's Congressional delegation encouraging support of specific climate policies in the Build Back Better bill. These cities are developing a renewable rate option with NorthWestern Energy. They plan to bring a rate proposal to the Public Service Commission that allows customers an opportunity to directly purchase clean energy.</p>
Lori Cox	divadeuce05@gmail.com	Great Falls, MT	<p>While I am disappointed that CP1 was not considered, I would encourage you to select CP12. This map seems to be at least more favorable in its split for one very good reason: only splitting one county (Ponderay). From a county standpoint, any time we split a county, it is tough on our election officers. Keeping those counties intact will reduce chances for election error, and that is critical. I do worry about this map not meeting all the legal requirements and encourage you to PLEASE amend those issues as necessary to stay within the Montana Constitution. Thank you for all your work, and for allowing us to share our voices.</p>
TERRI L NELSON	tlynn_49@hotmail.com	Great Falls, MT	<p>Proposal 12 does not meet the unanimously adopted goal of competitiveness. I am against using Proposal 12.</p>
Laura Reynolds	laura1701@outlook.com	Kalispell, MT	<p>Wow this is harder than I thought. I do value the idea of a competitive district, but not at the expense of it clearly looking gerrymandered. I don't think you should divide counties. Also try not to divide linked communities. I don't like map 12 for the lack of a competitive district and for dividing Bozeman, Butte, and Helena from nearby towns. I don't like map 13 because it divides 3 counties. Could we achieve a similar thing with maybe only 1 county divided?</p>
Sherrie Richert	sherphil72@hotmail.com	Billings Mt	<p>I vote for Map #12</p>
Maryrose Beasley	mrosebeasley@gmail.com	Roundup, MT	<p>I support CP 12 for many reasons! · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>
William L. Nagle	wln@williamnagle.com	Whitefish, MT	<p>CP 12 is most reasonable redistricting proposal.</p>



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William Fogarty	fogleit@ymail.com	Whitefish, MT	I am for Map 11 because it's fairer to both parties.
SHERRY L CULP	slcnoxon@gmail.com	Noxon My	The rural voice will never elect a congress person of our choice because the urban areas are equally split between the two districts.
			Please adopt Map CP12 because it does not split Flathead, Gallatin, and Lewis & Clark counties. I did view the entire public comments and your committee deliberations on Saturday 10/30. One gentleman from the Flathead Valley pointed out that the entire Flathead County shares basic infrastructure needs that require representation at the Federal level. All of Flathead County as well as surrounding areas such as Lincoln County, where I reside, as well as many from the Blackfeet Reservation share the Glacier Park International Airport, the Medical Centers based in Kalispell and Whitefish, and emergency services. Splitting Congressional representatives could negatively affect necessary funding for these basic services. This most likely applies to the other counties as well. Please support CP12 and thank you for all of your hard work.
Kerry Finley	thinktank@interbel.net	Eureka, Montana	
Cynthia Baker	cyndiann101@hotmail.com	Great Falls Montana	I would encourage you to choose the map that splits the lowest amount of counties and I believe that is map CP 12.
Roxanne Taylor	rockstaylor@aol.com	Polson MT	12 is the redistributing I want. Thank you
Susan Kronenberger	kronesue@bresnan.net	Helena	I support MAP 13 as it provides parity and is inclusive of Native Americans.
Leslie Elford	llelford@gmail.com	Helena	I am in support of map 12. All others are wrong for Montanas I have lived her all my life and never seen maps so biased this map is better than all others.
Virginia F Leitner	fogaleit@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	I think Map 11 is the best choice so far because it will be a fairer way for both political parties. Where I live I feel my concerns would be addressed more so with Map 11.
J. Lee Cook	Tobin3064@gmail.com	Polson	Thank you for this very important work. After careful analysis, i've altered my choice for the new Congressional district in Montana. My new choice is map #13. Yes thats right MAP#13 is the best map for all of Montana. Its what Mike Mansfield would support due to it being fair to all. Peace, J. Lee Cook Polson
Stanley Richardson	tfpiper09@gmail.com	PLAINS	It is obvious to me that this process is a sham. The Commissioners have blatantly slanted the district to ensure only Republicans will benefit. The GOP controlled Montana Legislature is obviously stacking the deck to ensure only Republicans are elected. This is a disgusting subversion of democratic principles and the Commissioners should be ashamed of themselves.
JUDITH HAWKINS	jhid@breshah.net	Great Falls	I am in favor to officially adopt CP-12
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Donna Elford	donnakze@gmail.com	Helena	For map 12. Only one to choose now.

Sandie Hammer	sandie@sandiehammer.com	Polson	I choose Map 12
Cathy Carlson	cycathy18@gmail.com	East Helena, Mt	Thank you for your work on Redistricting.. Map 12 is the best (as it appears Map 1 is off the table but most preferred). Please follow the law in this process. With respect in keeping our communities together. Sincerely, Cathy Carlson
Cathy Carlson	cycathy18@gmail.com	East Helena, Mt	Thank you for your work on Redistricting.. Map 12 is the best (as it appears Map 1 is off the table but most preferred). Please follow the law in this process. With respect in keeping our communities together. Sincerely, Cathy Carlson
Elizabeth Blavatsky	liz.blavatsky@gmail.com	MT	CP 12 ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice.
Katrina Wilson Martin	katrinam@3rivers.net	Dutton, MT	It appears the latest Republican proposal (#12) undermines a number of the goals established by the Commission. It separates some very logically connected communities such as Butte and Jefferson County, Livingston and Gallatin County, and places Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district where its residents have far less in common than with residents in the western district. It seems to favor one political party over another which is just not right. There is much speculation about the future growth of the areas that have already surged ahead, but it is important to remember the growth that was driven by recreational opportunities will only continue if our resources such as lakes, rivers, and forests are not decimated by continued drought. Demographics are never static and impossible to predict. The Democratic proposals keep the large urban areas assigned in equal numbers to each district; that seems important. City folk and country folk can thus work together to achieve community goals and have their voices heard. Plans 11 and 13 will best serve our state and perhaps minimize the chances of one-party dominance which all our civics classes taught us is not a good way to govern. Thank you for your hard work and the chance to comment.
Rita T Rozier	rtrozier@gmail.com	Livingston MT	The redistricting effort is intended to help Montanans elect representatives for Congress. Maps CP12 and CP10 fail in that essential mission by creating less competitive districts. CP12 particularly cuts out Park County, Helena, and Lewis and Clark County from the opportunity for fair representation. I also object to the late introduction of CP12 which subverts the process and confuses issues already addressed to you by many Montanans. As a person from Livingston, I prefer Map 11 which recognizes the close economic and social ties between Bozeman and Livingston. Map 12 is the least fair of all from my perspective.
Mary Fanning Donathan	maryfdonathan@gmail.com	Livingston	CP12 does not support our democratic republic principles. It is splitting, isolating and dividing districts to create false representation. I do not support CP12.
Nancy Dutchak	dutchak@bresnan.net	Great Falls, MT	Dear Commissioners, I very much appreciate the time and attention that you are giving to this important job of drawing two congressional districts for our state. From my research it appears to me that map 13 is far superior to map 12 in meeting the desired criteria. Map 12 is way too partisan in favor of Republicans, while map 13 at least gives the Democrats a slim chance of being represented in Congress. It also does a better job of representing more working-class people and Native Americans. I urge your serious consideration of adopting map 13. Sincerely, Nancy Dutchak
Maureen Cordoza	rockitprudente@yahoo.com	Whitefish	I appreciate all your hard work! Saturday was a long one! After hearing so many Montana citizens that spoke to you I hope that seeing the majority of those that spoke are hoping you will NOT divide our state geographically with the maps from before. Of the current choices I am in favor & in support of MAP CP-12. I ask that you keep WESTERN Montana in the WEST. That is where we are geographically & emotionally. Thank you, Maureen Cordoza 406-253-1433 Whitefish, Montana

David Raney	davidcraney@comcast.net jameshuff000@centurytel.net	Clancy, MT	I sent these comments by email to the Commission as well, because the link to the comments page did not take my comments after repeated attempts. I am in favor of map CP12 for the following reasons: 1) Counties Lewis & Clark, Gallatin and Flathead are kept in tact, while only one county state-wide is split. 2) The tribes are provided a unified voice in the newly established western district. 3) And, map CP12 provides a balanced geographical and population split between the two districts. I am opposed to CP11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the eastern district. And I am not in favor of CP13 because it splits too many counties. I deeply appreciate all you have done as a commission in handling this difficult assignment.
Jim Huff	et	Kalsipell, MT	I ask that you support Districting Map CP-12. It is the best choice for Montana. Sincerely, Jim Huff
Mary E Beebe	marybeebe@hotmail.com	Livingston, MT 59047	We need our districts to be reflective of the diverse groups that make up Montana's electorate. As voters, our voice only matters if we have districts that can include competitive races based on policy matters, not just party affiliation.
John R. Alford	mtjra@protonmail.com	Hamilton, MT	Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Commission, I think you should choose map CP 12. Map CP 12 meets all of the Commission's criteria and places both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the competitive District 1. The Blackfeet Reservation was in Montana's Congressional District 1 from 1919-1993 and it should be again. As you consider map CP 11 you should ask yourself if you believe the white voters in Park County deserve to be in a competitive district more than the People of Color in the Blackfeet Nation. If you believe their voices matter, why would you place them in the deep red district 2? Do you think that is fair? If you do choose Map CP 11, I hope you personally explain to each member of the Blackfeet Nation why you put them in District 2. You have a serious choice to make with lasting consequences for many people, many who are not born yet. I hope you think about what is fair and do what it right. Thank you for reading this. John Alford
Helena Lovick	helenalovick@gmail.com	Great Falls, Montana	I am against Map 12 because it splits counties with strong ties like the union vote in Helena and Butte. I also believe this map unduly favors the Republican party which counters the commission's goal of not unduly favoring one political party over another. Let the representative candidates work for votes, not just be a coronation walk for one party. Thank you!
William Michael Kohnke	palain@blackfoot.net	Elliston, MT	From my research it appears the factors we are supposed to consider when redistricting are as follows: Equal population Minority representation Contiguity Political boundaries (by county, city, ward) Compactness Communities of interest Partisan outcomes Other state rules such as nesting, multi-member districts, floterial (overlapping) districts Equal population: With the exception of proposals 3 and 5, the proposed district populations are nearly identical. For this reason I would oppose proposals 3 and 5. Minority representation: I don't see how this factor can be accommodated with any weighting, given that almost 90% of the state is Caucasian. Contiguity: All of the proposals meet this factor. Political boundaries (by county, city, ward): I would prefer to see the boundaries follow county lines, rather than splitting counties. Proposals 2, 7, and 9 appear to be the only ones that follow county lines. Compactness: Proposals 4 and 8 do not appear to be as compact as the other proposals. Communities of interest: I have no idea where these boundaries rest. Does anyone know? Partisan outcomes: This is another one I do not know. Can anyone shed some light? Other state rules such as nesting, multi-member districts, floterial (overlapping) districts: I don't think these apply to us.

Erin Blair	skintherapystudio@gmail.com	Kalispell	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Erin Blair 545 2nd Ave West, Kalispell MT 59901 406-270-3777
John	johngatchell@gmail.com	Helena Montana	Dear Commissioners I am John Gatchell, resident of Lewis and Clark County (36 years) where we raised our family. I have lived, worked and faithfully voted in Western Montana for 48 years all together. I strongly oppose Map #12 which puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern Congressional District where it has NEVER been and does not belong. Of 9 proposals originally put out for public review, NONE proposed moving our western county into the eastern congressional district. Map 12 also puts Pondera County --an eastern grain growing county-- in the western District. That makes no sense particularly when at the same time it moves Lewis and Clark County from west to east. Gerrymandering. Lewis and Clark County is a mountain headwaters county, rich in history. Growing up here our children paddled the Missouri through the Gates of Mountains. They walked the 6,000-year old hunters trail across the Divide followed by Lewis in 1806. Lewis and Clark County is a magnificent county straddling the Continental Divide for hundreds of miles into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Across our nation, there are seven counties named Lewis and eight counties called Clark. There is one Lewis and Clark County and it belongs in the west. Please adopt Map #11 to keep our county in the western congressional district. Map 11 keeps tribal communities intact and does not divide any city or town. Map #11 best meets criteria agreed on, it is competitive; it is fair Thank you for your work and considering my thoughts, Madam Chair Smith and Commissioners. Sincerely John Gatchell
Marilyn McKibben	marilynmckibben@gmail.com	HELENA MT	I encourage you to choose #13, as it is the fairest and best for all Montanans. Thank you for your work on this important issue.
Jim Huff	jameshuff000@centurytel.net	Kalispell, Montana	Please support Map CP-12. It is the best and most logical choice. Sincerely, Jim Huff
Brenda Miller	sammie01@centurytel.net	Kalispell, MT	First and foremost you need to be making sure that any map proposal meets the requirements of the Montana State Constitution. I feel Map 12 does a much better job then ones I have previously seen. Kalispell is in the Northwest corner of Montana and should not be included in anyway with the eastern portion of Montana.
Dave Swaim	IsNoMore@protonmail.ch	Evergreen	I support Map CP12 because it appears to comply most closely with Montana legal requirements. Many of the maps proposed up to this point clearly do not.
Rebecca Ahlgren	rebaahlgren@hotmail.com	Winnett, MT	I would like to see Map #12 used.
Bailie Hillen	bailie23@gmail.com	Helena, MT	I am strongly against map 12 on mydistrict/Montana.
terry falk	boatgolf@gmail.com	kalispell	Hi, i support map number 12. I think its important to keep Kalispell in the western district since its not even close to the middle of the state, its a western MT town. I like the idea of the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations having the opportunity to have their votes consolidated - gives them a feeling of solidarity I definitely do not support maps 11 and 13. 11 splits up Flathead county which makes no sense since it is not even close to the center of the state. 13 splits too many counties up and has other issues Thank you for listening

<p>Larry D Culp      ldcmtn@gmail.com      Noxon, Montana</p>	<p>As a long-term resident of Montana and a voter I wish that you would consider the following; It is imperative that you move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together and creates at least one competitive district. CP 12 is not an option. CP 12 ensures that real voices can never carry the day in any congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural voices can never elect to congress persons of their choice. We would hope that this committee is a committee for the people and not for any particular party. I urge you to consider that all Montanans need representation and a careless decision here would ensure that many persons in Montana will not be heard.</p>
<p>Nathan Kosted      nathan.kosted@gmail.com      Helena, Lewis and Clark</p>	<p>As a lifelong Montana resident I have grave concerns with CP-12, and cannot support it, nor do I believe it would withstand judicial scrutiny. I grew up in Bozeman, graduated as student body president of Bozeman High School and have always considered Livingston a key portion of the greater Bozeman area, both economically and culturally. It shares writers, painters, and artisans who sell their work in the bi-county area at fairs, festivals, bookstores, and art galleries from Big Sky to Gardiner, Four Corners to Emigrant, and in Bozeman and Livingston. Currently, I'm a resident and voter of Lewis and Clark County. The county seat, Helena, is a strong union town with the public employees being the backbone of the community and sharing the work ethic and blue collar mentality aligning closely with the Gibraltar of unionism in Montana and America, Butte, and Anaconda. Please oppose CP 12. This map is not competitive, and it clearly attempts to split the union vote by separating the voices of workers in Helena from their brothers and sisters in Butte and Anaconda. Lewis and Clark County should be in the western district, and I urge the commission to move forward a map that more accurately represents the interests of our county, and state.</p>
<p>John R. T. Alford III      jracpa@montana.com      Hamilton, MT</p>	<p>Chair Smith You have received an overwhelming number of public comments asking you not to divide Flathead County. You should listen to the voices of the people who live in Flathead County and keep Flathead County whole and in the same district with Missoula by choosing Map CP 12 instead of Map CP 11. Kalispell is much closer to Missoula than Bozeman. Kalispell should be in the same district with Missoula. You are intelligent and independent minded and should reject the partisan gerrymandering trying to divide Flathead County. Map CP 12 meets all of the Commission's criteria and does not gerrymander Kalispell into a district with Billings. Please reject toxic partisan gerrymandering and choose Map CP 12. Thank you for your time and considering my comment. Randy Alford Hamilton, MT</p>

Marc L Sabin	mlsabin@gmail.com	Corvallis, MT	<p>Numerous comments at the MDAC meeting on 30 Oct 21 reflected the desire of people to focus on district attributes such as common geography, economic relations and interests, and established community relationships between jurisdictions for the purpose of creating the new districts. Native American community advocates also requested at least two reservations in each district. Though many expressed concerns regarding the splitting of one or more counties, many people recognized that it was not a realistic expectation to try to create a redistricting plan that had no counties divided between the two districts. The question of political competitiveness was apparently less important to many people. It was also repeatedly noted that current state law and constitutional language does not allow such a political consideration in the redistricting effort. Selective enforcement of laws is a source of many current problem in the US. I hope that Montana does not impose such afflictions upon itself. Therefore, between the two maps presented on 30 Oct, CP 12 and CP 13, I recommend the commission select CP12 for the following reasons, among others: 1. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District 2. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district 3. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole 4. It only splits 1 county On the other hand, of the other most recent maps, CP 11 and CP 13, they are unsuitable and I recommend against them because: 1. CP 11 puts most of Flathead county in the east. It also is not compact and includes only one reservation in District 1. It is not in the best interest of Montanans. 2. CP 13 splits too many counties If CP10 is included in those to be reconsidered, it has several attributes that make it a better choice than either CP 11 or CP 13.</p>
Steven Craig Allen	stevea7777@yahoo.com	Helena	<p>I am a resident of Helena and would like to go on record in strong favor of the compromise map version CP-12. I personally don't feel like our constitution asks for districts to be divided to make them competitive. If a huge majority of our state is of one political persuasion, the map should favor that rather than trying to make it competitive by drawing the map so the minority can be represented instead of the majority.</p>
John Maxness	john@spokaneranch.com	East Helena, MT	<p>I am a business owner in Lewis &amp; Clark County and also operate a farming operation in Northeastern Montana and support map 12. Lewis &amp; Clark's economic and agriculture outputs belong in Eastern Montana in Eastern Montana's congressional district to best support Montana's AG economy. Thank You!</p>
Ryan Amschel	ramschel@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls, MT	<p>Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Ryan Amschel 2130 9TH ST W #184 COLUMBIA FALLS, MT 59912 406-270-9885 ramschel@yahoo.com</p>
Jane E Alford	jane.e.alford@gmail.com	Hamilton, MT	<p>Chair Smith and Commission Members, Map CP 12 meets all of the Commission's criteria and should be chosen instead of Map CP 11. If you think it is wrong to divide Gallatin County and wrong to divide Lewis and Clark County between districts, then you should think it it wrong to divide Flathead County if you make the mistake of choosing Map CP 11. If you choose Map CP 11 then you have gerrymandered both districts to be less competitive. But maybe that has been your goal during this entire process. Your decision will reveal the content of your character. I hope you have the integrity to make the ethical choice. Thank you for considering my comment. Jane Alford</p>

Diana Marie McKinlay	dmwineglass@yahoo.com	Livingston, Montana	I am opposed to the Congressional Districting map #12. It splits Gallatin County from Park County. This is an important factor in that both cities, Bozeman and Livingston share similar economies and there is an active flow of commuters between the two for work, shopping, and education. Please consider CP Map #11.
Barbara Uberuaga	uberuaga@rainierconnect.com	Livingston Montana	I am writing to voice my concerns about the redistricting map proposed by republicans that appear to limit the representation that I would get as a Democrat. I definitely hate to see Park county being separated from Gallatin county. Every citizen in Montana deserves to be represented in our country!
Amy Titgemeier Stevens	atitgemeier@gmail.com	Livingston, MT	Please create a map that keep Park and Gallatin Counties together so it creates at least one competitive district. CP 12 cuts Park County off from Gallatin County ensuring that Park counties needs will be ignored in District 2.
Rudy Koestner	rlk7@centurytel.net	Kalispell	With regard to Chair Smith's request for commentary on map CP12, my ongoing preference has been in support of two districts that do not split any of Montana's counties with higher populations. Population growth in Western MT over the past decade has necessitated shifting counties along the previous boundaries of the 4 historical MT Congressional district maps into the Eastern district. I support map CP12 for the most reasonable submission to accomplish this. Thank you.
Deb Halliday	halliday21@gmail.com	Helena, MT	Competitive districts mean engaged, accountable elected officials. CP 12 creates a district where, over the last 8 years, Republicans won over 75% of statewide elections in one district and 100% of elections in the other district. That's not competitive.
Claudia S. Brown	c4775@icloud.com	Missoula MT	I support Map 13, with Map 11 as second choice. As a member of League of Women Voters, I trust the effort the League has put into researching this choice, including being competitive.
Cydnie Boland	ccboland35@gmail.com	Great Falls, MT	I support the CP11 map, it fulfills the goals established by the commission. The CP12 map could have been presented at the last commissioners meeting but the Republican commissions chose not to bring it forward. Their preferred map they wanted to be adopted was CP10. CP13 map was also presented as a compromise map but it was turned down by the republican commissioners, leaving CP11 map as the only map to be voted on. Again, I fully support the CP11 map to be the map to move forward, it was overwhelmingly the preferred map.
Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	Map 12 is unacceptable for several important reasons: 1. Map 12 does not adhere to the principle of keeping communities of interest intact. It separates Park County, including Livingston, from Gallatin County. Having spent a great deal of time in Bozeman and Livingston, I know that those two communities are communities of interest and should not be split. Livingston will not be represented by Eastern Montana and will, in the not too distant future, be a suburb of Bozeman. 2. Likewise, Map 12 splits Butte from Jefferson County. Again, I travel this region often and understand that Butte and Jefferson County are communities of interest just because of an arbitrary county line. 3. Furthermore, keeping the union communities of Helena, Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge together makes "community of interest" sense. Certainly, a lone union town voice would not be heard in Eastern Montana. 4. Map 12 unfairly unduly favors one party. When it is possible to avoid that negative, it should be avoided. And, it can be avoided by adopting Map 13. Giving undue influence to one political party in our state renders almost 50% of our voters voiceless. That is not democratic. 5. While all of the maps have some counties divided and present some other problems, Map 12 presents the most dangerous ones. Minority representation is essential in a democracy. Map 13 protects those rights. Map 12 does not. Thank you for your consideration.



David Bedey	d.f.bedey@gmail.com	Hamilton, Montana	I am writing in support of option CP 12. Its virtue is that it splits only one county (and a one with a low population at that). The options that split multiple counties or carve out urban areas smack of gerrymandering, which erodes public confidence in this important process.
Dawn Gandalf	dawngandalf@gmail.com	Trout Creek	I do not support CP 12! I do not appreciate a political party causing confusion and additional stress to this process at the 11th hour. I oppose CP 12. I SUPPORT CP 13!
Susan McFarland	ashramwomen2@yahoo.com	Trout Creek	I oppose CT 12 and support Cp13
Joan L. Brownell	jlbrownell@nemont.net	Fishtail, MT	I support Map 11 for fairness to all parties I am firmly against Map 12 for being unbalanced and unfair.
Michael Baldwin	mrbaldwin47@gmail.com	Whitefish, Montana	Redistrict to make Montana into like minded areas of interest. The goal of the committee is to give people competitive districts after so many years of only one elected House of Representative for Montana. We deserve competitive districts that voice the interests of their region. Proposal 11 has long been needed for the western side of the state.
Pamela Morris	pamelamorris0602@gmail.com	Corvallis, MT	Please select option 11 Option 12, like 10 and 13, does not allow for a competitive district. Thank you for assuming this significant decision for Montana.
Maryanne V Campbell	mvollers@me.com	Livingston, MT	I strongly object to Map 12. It separates Park County from Gallatin County, even though there is extensive commuting between Livingston and Bozeman, and many shared employment, recreation, and housing issues. Map 12 blatantly favors Republican dominance in both congressional districts, and would essentially disenfranchise residents of Livingston and Helena who deserve a voice in Congress. Map 11 is not perfect, but more equitable.
Moffie Funk	moffiefunk@gmail.com	Helena	CP12 is patronizing and disrespectful to the process that has been ongoing in the Commission. CP12 was supposed to be a compromise between CP10 and CP11. It is most definitely not as it barely moved the needle. Instead, it dilutes communities of interest and tips the scale heavily toward two partisan districts. Equity of representation is in your hands. Please respect the voices of all Montanans.
DAVID R LYMAN	lastlyman@blackfoot.net	Heron	I strongly oppose the adoption of Map 12. It is unfair on many levels and favors Republicans. Dave Lyman
Grace Davis	squegee4me@yahoo.com	Great Falls. MT	I would urge members of the committee to vote against Map 12 in the redistricting process because it creates an artificial advantage for a single political party which goes directly against the committee's stated purpose. Please instead vote for Map 13 which gives an equitable chance to either dominant party in keeping with Montana's diverse and varied population. Thank you.
Leah schmirler-flaten	leahjs@bresnan.net	Great falls mt	In favor or redistrict #13
Ronald Waterman	ronwaterman530@gmail.com	Helena, Montana	I would ask you to vote for either Map 13 or Map 11. Both give each party a competitive opportunity going forward but Map 13 also puts at least two of the reservations in each District, giving voice to native people who have been excluded or given a reduced voice in voting for so long. Thank you.

Joseph O'Rourke	sephrie@protonmail.com	Columbia Falls, Montana	Adopt Map CP-12 November 2, 2021 Chair Smith and Commissioners, I strongly support Map CP-12 because: • It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. • It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. • It only splits 1 county After all your hard work and deliberations I hope that you agree that this is the best choice. Thank you for your consideration. Joseph O'Rourke 197 Stage Bend Lane Columbia Falls, Montana 59912 Sephrie@protonmail.com
Chris Goodridge	crgood@hotmail.com	Billings MT	I am writing again to urge you all to reject the plans that have been put forward by the Republican members of the commission. I reiterate the comments that I made at the last meeting where I stated that the plans submitted by the Democrats have moved in the direction of compromise while those submitted by the Republicans have not. All of the plans can be evaluated over the past few elections cycles and the Republican ones, including their latest CP 12, have a distinct Republican advantage in both districts. The only competitive plans of the ones that are still apparently on the table are CP 11 and 13. Competitiveness is not subjective it is measurable. It is a criteria that has been called for the majority of people taking the time to participate in this process.
Linda and marsha frey	mfrey@ksu.edu	Missoula	First, I would like to thank those who served on this redistricting committee. Your work is greatly appreciated. We favor CP12 because it is much simpler and keeps all but one county intact respecting one of the commissions's goals: keeping the countries intact. The counties where agriculture is the dominant livelihood should also be kept together. Thus, Lewis and Clark Country as well as Jefferson and Broadwater should be kept in the east. Logically, Park Country should also be kept in the East. The boundary lines on CP13 seem unduly convoluted and motivated in the main for partisan purposes.
Deborah Lyman	lastlyman@blackfoot.net	Heron	I oppose Map 12. It goes against the idea of competitive representation and favors a Republican leaning agenda. It would be a complete disservice to the 'entire' population of Montana for the next decade. Please think about the unfair consequences Map 12 would allow. Thank you.
Tom Glover	tomglover@mcn.net	Great Falls, Montana	There is no need for the Republican maps for Butte and Helena separate vicinities of common interests and needs for public policies. It is unacceptable. For instance, Montana Department of Highways and their corresponding city and county road departments could become unresponsive and underfunded. As for the Montana Department of Corrections, these communities share common employment and public safety concerns. These concerns are shared by all Montanans and could make the legislature unresponsive and lose credibility. It is unnecessary to guarantee absolute power to Republican wins for greedy short term interests.
Phillips County Commissioners	commissioners@phillipscounty.mt.gov	Malta MT	Phillips County Commissioners are in support of Maps C10 OR C12. John Carnahan Chairman of board Richard Dunbar Commissioner Bruce Christofferson Commissioner
Phillips County Commissioners	commissioners@phillipscounty.mt.gov	Malta MT	Phillips County Commissioners are in support of Maps C10 OR C12. John Carnahan Chairman of board Richard Dunbar Commissioner Bruce Christofferson Commissioner
Jim Arvidson	sharpie1970@yahoo.com	Helena	Vote for Map 13
Judy Arneson	juicy_fruit58@hotmail.com	Thompson Falls, MT	Please consider Map cp 12, as your final decision, fairest, in keeping Montana as a unified state. Thank you for your hard work and time.

<p>Mark and Nancy Jo Connell</p> <p>mtrivers64@gmail.com</p> <p>Missoula</p>	<p>When they set up the ground rules for their deliberations last July, the Commissioners unanimously agreed they would establish districts that would be politically competitive whenever feasible, in order to ensure their decision would not unduly favor either party at the expense of the other. Map 12 ignores this requirement, as it would result in both districts being clearly NON-competitive -- i.e., dominated by and working to the benefit of the same single party over the other. CP11 is the only map that satisfies all four of the established criteria, including the paramount consideration of political competitiveness for at least one of the resulting districts. Competitiveness in at least one of the districts -- rather than none, as would be the case with Map 12 -- encourages citizen involvement from both sides of the political spectrum, collaboration, compromise and shared goals, and would help reduce the polarization and cynicism that now afflict our state politics. A second consideration is that Map 12 ignores the longstanding close cultural connection between Lewis and Clark County and Butte and the rest of western Montana, which collectively represent likeminded "communities of interest" and should be kept together. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to follow the ground rules you established at the beginning of this process and adopt CP11 while rejecting CP12.</p>
<p>Peggy Arvidson</p> <p>peggyarvidson@yahoo.com</p> <p>Helena</p>	<p>Vote for map 13</p>
<p>Hannah Elizabeth Cadicamo</p> <p>hannahcadicamo@fastmail.com</p> <p>Kalispell, MT</p>	<p>Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: * It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. * It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. * It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole. * It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>Ann Lauer</p> <p>annwlauer@gmail.com</p> <p>Helena</p>	<p>Please vote for Map 13</p>
<p>Ann Waterman</p> <p>ann@grizzlygulchgallery.com</p> <p>HELENA</p>	<p>Please vote for Map 13.</p>
<p>Virginia Baldwin</p> <p>ginnb@live.com</p> <p>Whitefish, Montana</p>	<p>Please support your redistricting goal to give Montanans competitive districts for the United States House of Representatives. Proposal 11 would make it competitive for the western part of the state to once again be heard in the US House of Representatives. We need to be able to have our voices implemented into legislation that supports all citizens, communities as a region, workers, unions, looks out for those who are in need of assistance, and supports protection of our environmental resources for the future. I was born and raised as a Montanan, and have lived in the same community for the past 43 years. However, I can only recall Max Baucus and Pat Williams as being in the House of Representatives that shared my views. It is time that as a voter I can actually elect someone who will possibly give me a voice in the House of Representatives that is more in alignment with my interests. Support Proposal 11!</p>
<p>Rebecca Johnson</p> <p>rebeccainmt@gmail.com</p> <p>Montana City</p>	<p>I would like to see a district that reaches a good balance between the political parties to encourage candidates to work hard to listen and work for all constituents. I don't mind if my county, Jefferson, is in the East district as long as there is a chance that the election for the West district is competitive where a candidate must reach out to all constituents to win their vote. Otherwise, the voice of many Montanans will be silenced in our state for 10 years as they lose hope which will continue to lower participation in elections by constituents who know their candidates have no chance of winning and by candidates who know they have the election in the bag because of their political party affiliation.</p>

Thomas O McElwain	tom.mcelwain@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	Please adopt PC 12 as it follows the law and the constitution. If Democrats want to elect more of their party then they should work on getting their party more aligned with the conservative values of Montana voters!
MANDI BIRD KENNERLY	mbkennerly@glaciercounty mt.org	Cut Bank, Montana	I would prefer CP10 for the Congressional District Proposal. CP 11, 12 & 13 splits Glacier County and Pondera County lines and it would be beneficial for both counties to stay within the county lines.
Amy Driggs	adriggs@hotmail.com	Eureka, MT	I oppose maps CP10 and CP12. I implore the Commission to follow their own criteria and goals by adopting a map with at least one competitive district that doesn't unduly favor either political party.
Lucille Clarice Heger	LUCYHEGER@BRESNAN.NET	Livingston	I am opposed to Map CP12. Park and Gallatin counties need to be together in the new district. I support Map CP11. This is the map you should adopt.
Erik Illi	erik.illi@yahoo.com	Kalispell, MT	These options of dividing Flathead County and/or Bozeman into separate districts are obvious cases of gerrymandering. Redistricting should be a non-partisan process, but it is quite disappointing to hear that our legislators are sinking to petty political moves to further their particular party while ignoring the good of the people. Find an option that best represents the geographical distribution of the people in the state. Let the districts be divided into the mountainous west and the eastern plains, not a mixture of both. This way our issues such tourism, farming, ranching, etc can be addressed in ways that represent our different geographies appropriately.
John Michael Feckanin	kiwif@bresnan.net	Not Hispanic or Latino	I am totally opposed to Map CP12. Park and Gallatin counties need to be together in this new district. I am in favor of Map CP 11. This is the map you should adopt.
Marian Nichols	mn4bisaccts@gmail.com	Helena, MT	Thank you for your work on behalf of Montana! Please consider my comments. Map 12 is the best. It keeps more counties whole, including L&C County. L&C County is in the Eastern district, which is where it belongs. Map 13 splits too many counties. Map 11 puts most of Flathead County in the east, which isn't best for equalization. Thank you, Marian Nichols
Norma Tirrell	njt20@bresnan.net	Helena, Montana	I think it's imperative to have at least one competitive district. That said, I slightly favor Map 11 over Map 13 because it keeps counties intact. Map 13 is a close second because it includes at least two Indian reservations.
Sue Wooldridge	suzadesigns@earthlink.net	Helena MT	Please choose map 13. If you can't, then choose map 11. Those are the only 2 which come even close to creating a competitive district. If we're ever going to tamp down some of the partisan hard feelings we must choose a map that is close to fair.
Kristen Jordan	montanagurt@gmail.com	Missoula, Montana	No on CP12- It favors one political party over another and isn't competitive. Follow the criteria you set before this all started!
Mike Bay	mheiferbay@gmail.com	HELENA	Lumping Lewis & Clark County in with Eastern Counties would cancel my vote. I support Maps 11 & 13. Thank you.
Lisa L Bay	lisamaebay@gmail.com	Helena	I support maps 11 and 13, because they meet the Tribal request of including two reservations, and because they come closest to achieving political parity and competitiveness. I live in Lewis & Clark County, which has been proposed under some scenarios to be included in an eastern district of rural counties. Frankly, I would feel completely disenfranchised. Why vote when you are likely outnumbered every time you fill out your ballot? At least give us the opportunity for a fair fight.
Stephen Guggenheim	sjguggenheim@gmail.com	Bozeman, MT	I oppose Map 12 of the redistricting proposals. Maps 11 and 13 are more in the interests of Gallatin and Park County issues.
Lark Chadwick	larkwick@gmail.com	Thompson Falls, MT	I support Map CP12 because it best aligns with MCA law. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county

Sarah Dakin	sarahbow.sgd@gmail.com	Bigfork, MT	I wish to support map 13 for redistricting in Montana. It represents districts that are closer to parity than previous options.
jodi petlin	jodipetlin@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	To the Commission and Madame Chair, I appreciate you taking the time to review feedback on this crucial issue. I strongly favor the map CP 11. It reflects the unique characteristics of the resort town where I live. It creates more competitive opportunities which align more closely with the values, challenges and interests of this community. It seems there is more possibility to meet with my DC Representative and more potential in having federal assistance with such issues as: over-visitation/sustainability, the housing crisis, environmental stewardship and diversity challenges. Thank you again for your consideration. Sincerely, Jodi Petlin
Jean Zankner	jzankner@gmail.com	Billings, Montana	Dear Com. Members, I'm writing to lend my support to map #13. It appears to be fair for every one. Thank you, Jean Zankner
Bonita J Reishus	nox0109@blackfoot.net	NOXON	I am against CP 12. CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.
Clyde Turner	clydeturner12@gmail.com	Billings, MT	To the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission Requesting approving of map CP12 for the new voting districts in Montana. It is the fairest to represent the people of our state. Clyde Turner
Scot Colwell	scotcolwell@hotmail.com	Corvallis, Montana	I ask that you would support and pass the redistricting map CP12 and reject map CP11.
Tami Merrifield	tamimerrifield@yahoo.com	Helena	I am in support of CP12 as it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole
Chad Myers	chad@libertyasap.com	Kalispell, MT	Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12 Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: Flathead County belongs in the Western District. It places both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. Counties should be a clear cut demarcation. It only splits 1 county Thank you for supporting our representative Republic. Chad Myers 686 2nd Ave East N Kalispell, MT 406-270-9828 chad@libertyasap.com
SUSAN G Mason	susanmmm54@gmail.com	Missoula	"I oppose CP12 and urge the commissioners to follow their agreed on goal of drawing at least one competitive district. Seems to me this map is favoring one political party over the other in both districts, it cracks Montana's union vote, divides communities of interest in Jefferson County/ Butte and Park County/ Gallatin, and distributes all of Montana's cities in both districts so that rural Montana will never have its own say in electing either congressperson. I urge a fair map that follows our constitution and, that retains the competitiveness. I like Map CP13 ! Thank you Susan Mason
AMANDA PLONA	aplona@ixi.net	Helena	Map 13 please.
Karen Cramer	karen@beckmansrealestate mt.com	Kalispell, MT	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Karen Cramer 115 Moes Run Kalispell, MT 59901 406 890-4253 karen@beckmansrealestatemt.com

Gigi Swenson	gigiswenson@yahoo.com	Bozeman, MT	I support Map 11. The big resort areas of Big Sky, W. Yellowstone and Whitefish have similar needs and interests and should be kept together. Park and Gallatin counties have strong ties and should stay together. Map 11 creates a competitive district where both parties have a chance to win.
Joseph Klempel	klemlog@aboutmontana.net	Kalispell	DEAR COMMISSION AS A CITIZEN WHOSE FAMILY GOES BACK 120+ YEARS AND HOMESEADED EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS . IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE FUTURES OF MY CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN BE PROTECTED BY EVERY MOVE DONE BY GOVERNMENT TO UPHOLD THE LAWS IN PLACE AT EVERY TURN. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES EASTERN AND WESTERN MONTANA WE DO HAVE A CONTINENTAL DIVIDE GIVEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME MAPS CP-1 AND CP-5 COME THE CLOSEST TO UPHOLDING THE LAWS OF MONTANA WE ASLO SUPPORT CP-12 ASD IT SEEMS TO NOW BE IN PLAY. THANK YOU, JOE KLEMPPEL
Colleen Hinds	colleenhinds@hotmail.com	Heron Mt. 59844	SORRY for the mix up! I just submitted comment to favor the WRONG map!! 😞 There has been so much to follow & the maps keep changing! I am AGAINST Map 12/ find my previous comments & put in Map 11/thank-yoy
Julie Martin	julesrnacn@protonmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Julie Martin 103 Shelter View Drive Kalispell, MT 59901 406.250.1137 JulesRNacn@protonmail.com
Weymouth D. and Terry Symmes	WeySymmes@aol.com	Missoula, Montana	We support the CP12 map for the proposed Congressional districts. It keeps Flathead County in our district (Western), only splits one county and makes the most sense of all the options. Thank you.
Susan Lovely	sue@lovelymontana.com	Billings, MT. 59102	I am in favor of Map 12
Kevin Bauman	kevinbauman@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	I prefer the map CP 11 because it reflects the unique characteristics of the resort town that I live in and creates a more competitive opportunity to reflect my community's values, problems and interests. This would give our town the opportunity to end up with better representation and possibly more federal assistance in things like over-visitation/sustainability, housing crisis, environmental stewardship and diversity challenges. Sincerely, Kevin Bauman
Jacqueline P Love	Jax.love.711@gmail.com	Bozeman	Please work to move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin Counties are kept together. This is a natural choice because of the effects of tourism on the Greater Yellowstone Area. CP12 slices Park county off and I am voicing my opposition to this option. I believe Park County's interests will be ignored in District 2. CP12 also creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one District and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. This is hardly competitive and it intentionally violates the Commissions goal of not unduly favoring a political party. CP12 also separates Butte from Jefferson County, but folks travel from Jefferson County to work in Butte on a daily basis.It makes no sense at all to separate these two communities. CP12 intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge is simply cruel. County splits should respect communities of interest and large communities have distinct communities of interest within them that could be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.

Jacqueline P Love	Jax.love.711@gmail.com	Bozeman	Please work to move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin Counties are kept together. This is a natural choice because of the effects of tourism on the Greater Yellowstone Area. CP12 slices Park county off and I am voicing my opposition to this option. I believe Park County's interests will be ignored in District 2. CP12 also creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one District and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. This is hardly competitive and it intentionally violates the Commissions goal of not unduly favoring a political party. CP12 also separates Butte from Jefferson County, but folks travel from Jefferson County to work in Butte on a daily basis. It makes no sense at all to separate these two communities. CP12 intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge is simply cruel. County splits should respect communities of interest and large communities have distinct communities of interest within them that could be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.
Patricia Morris	okieraider123@gmail.com	Plains MT	I oppose the redistricting map CP12. This map divides districts that negatively affect rural areas for equal representation. This map unfairly targets one party over another, which is contrary to the commissions goals. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input,
Deniece Rout	dhrou@yaho.com	166 Jewel Basin C, t A-3 BigFork, Montana	I support map CP12 because It keeps Flathead in one County in the Western District. Also CP 12 includes both the CSKT and the Western District, which allows for stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the East and is not in the interest of Montanans, I don't support it.
Susan Ruth Salvesson	sruthsalvesson@gmail.com	Malta, Mt	Please select map 10.
Christine and Patrick Ryan	mcryan2010@gmail.com	Missoula, MT	Dear Commissioners: We support Map #11 as our new Congressional District. We believe it is the map that best meets the criteria you have developed. Newly introduced Map #12 unduly favors a political party and doesn't take into consideration the importance of keeping communities of interest together. Map #12 puts Lewis and Clark County in the East ignoring the current and historical ties that county has to the Western part of the state and places Pondera County in the West despite its clear historical and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in the East. Map #11 keep communities of interest together and provides an opportunity for all Montana voters to feel engaged. Thank you for your hard work on this incredibly important exercise. Sincerely, Patrick and Christine Ryan
George Hudson	Gmh2o@protonmail.com	Marion Montana	I have studied the various maps and have concluded that I strongly support map CP-12. It appears to be the best map to choose because it keeps Flathead and Missoula counties intact in the west. It keeps the eastern part of our state in the east. Lewis and Clark, Gallatin, Flathead all remain whole. This map was drawn with even population and geographical considerations in mind as well. By far the best, the fairest and the most workable map yet. Please support CP-12.
Kelly Davidson	kellykann.kd@gmail.com	whitefish montana	Thank you for your work on this monumentally important task. Without free and fair elections, nothing else is really democracy. It is vitally important for everyone in our state to have a say in what happens both here and in Washington D.C. Please Please try to take a long view of this situation and make efforts to redistrict in a way that allows all voices to be heard and that is a fair representation of the diversity of our state. Gerrymandering is effective for those in power to retain power but ultimately damages the foundation of our government, the rule of law and ultimately stability in our government. People feeling powerless can be the source of strife, crime and chaos. I strongly recommend proposal 11 to reflect our population in a fair and unbiased way and to promote faith in our system. Thank you.

			<p>Hello Commissioners, I am writing to express my support for Map 11 and my opposition to Map 12. I believe continues to fall short for several reasons: 1. The proposal puts Lewis and Clark County into a different district than Jefferson, Butte Silver Bow and Deer Lodge Counties. As a Helena resident, I know that our communities share a lot in common, and previous proposed and adopted maps have kept these communities together. 2. Similarly, the proposal splits Gallatin County from Park County, which obviously share many similarities as well. 3. This proposal does not draw a truly competitive district in the West when the opportunity exists to do so. 4. While Map 12 is billed as a "consensus" map it still strongly favors Republicans in a partisan way. Map 12 creates one district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party. Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration. - Colleen Martin Helena, MT</p>
Colleen Martin	colleenmariemartin@gmail.com	Helena, MT	
Penny Ritchie	ritchie.penny@gmail.com	Florence Montana	I urge you to approve Map 13 for Montana's redistributing. It appears to be the most equitable solution for representing Montana's citizens and Native Americans.
Jennifer Lemler	jplemler@outlook.com	Fortine, MT	I support Map 10. The west side of the divide is all interconnected and we share resources, info and community. As one of the larger populated counties in the state -those of us in the surrounding counties rely on common needs and resources within the Flathead. Splitting half the county makes no sense. Divide the state at the divide. That is the most fair and equitable way to do this.
Laura Bray	Lauras.garden@prodigy.net	Livingston	I oppose map 12 for several reasons, the primary ones are that it leaves 2 non-competitive districts and it separates Park and Gallatin counties. As a business owner I see how integral the economies of Park and Gallatin county are. Many many people live in one county and work in the other. Map twelve leaves those people with no voice in the county they make their living in.
Kolby James Harris	kolbyjharris50@gmail.com	Circle, Montana	I am in full support of maps 10 and 12
John Kleinert	kleinert@comcast.net	Great Falls, Montana	Please adapt CP-12. It's the best split for the state. Give a stronger voice for the CSKT and Blackfeet tribes. It only splits one county. Keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole. Thanks for your consideration. JMK
Carl shepp	carlshepp@gmail.com	Florence montana	Please choose CP 12 map....its the most fair and abides by state laws
Denise Johnson	denisejohnson1961@gmail.com	Billings, MT	Map CP 12 makes the most sense in looking at redistricting. This will best represent the interests of all Montana citizens. There are a number of logistical issues that also make sense with this map. Please represent Montana fairly by going forth with Map CP12. Thank you.
Georgia Christianson	georgia@digisys.net	Kalispell MT	Upon review of 5-1-115 MCA, it appears that CP-12 best meets the criteria set forth; particularly in the area of equal population in the two districts. Also it appears to be both compact and contiguous. Also it is best for Flathead County to remain intact in the Western District for the reasons set forth by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. It allows for the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations to have a stronger voice. It allows for Flathead, Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties to remain whole and only one county is split. Thank you for your efforts. They are much valued.
Koehler Ruth	ruthkoehler@ymail.com	Garrison	I support map 12



Jamie Allison O'Callaghan	jamie.a.ocallaghan@gmail.com	Bozeman, MT	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As I understand the criteria, Map 11 is the only acceptable map under consideration by the Districting Committee, is it: -Does not unduly favor a political party. -Minimizes splitting of towns and counties. -Considers communities of interest. -Considers competitiveness. -Map 11 succeeds in not unduly favoring a political party. It splits only one county and does so in a way that does not split any communities or towns. It keeps all federal reservations whole. Again, Map 11 is the only acceptable map. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.
Gary Maczka	gmaczka51@gmail.com	Glasgow Montana	I live and work in the agricultural based north east Montana. I support Map 12. In order for our agriculture voice to be heard we need the inclusion of Lewis and Clark's county economic and agricultural output to be included in Eastern Montana's congressional district to best support Montana's agricultural industry.
Courtney McKee	courtneymckee@gmail.com	Butte, MT	I thank you for your work on the redistricting maps. I'm submitting this statement in favor of map CP 11. I believe that map best meets the constitutional criteria around contiguous borders and population equality. I believe it also best meets the commission's adopted goal for competitiveness. Again, I thank you for your hard work and appreciate the opportunity to engage so easily in the process.
Camille Consolvo	caconsolvo@gmail.com	Great Falls	Commenting on the Map does not seem to be working. I "dislike" Map 12 because it leaves Lewis and Clark County in the East, divides communities of common interest, and would create NO competitive districts.
Xi Zhao	noneofyourbiznez@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	Hi. I am not political. I live in Flathead Valley, but came from California where districts had a long history of political cheating. Montana is better than that. Please reject all maps that place my beloved home of Flathead Valley. Even my 5-year old knows that Flathead is in the western half of the state. We look East to see the Continental Divide! I don't care about the detail, but Flathead County needs to stay in the West. Thank you. We love Montana! Sincerely, Xi Zhao
Erica Lengacher	ericalengacher@gmail.com	Whitefish	I want to voice my support for Congressional Map Proposal #11. Of the proposals currently under consideration, I believe CP11 offers the most equitable districting, and avoids intentional gerrymandering (seen in other proposals) intended to ensure a Republican stronghold on our state. Thank you for your work on this important issue.
Kim Codiga	kcodiga5@gmail.com	Whitefish , Montana	I am for Map 12 which should result in less gerrymandering. Map 12 allows districts to have more commonality and to represent similar concerns and needs and get representation that reflects these concerns. Only 1 county is split. Also, the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations are in the Western District and therefore would have greater representation for the Tribes.
Rena Munson	rrmunson@msn.com	GREAT FALLS	I support Map CP12 because: • It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. • It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. • It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration.
April Weeks-Ruskauff	aprilwks@yahoo.com	Corvallis	I support Map CP12 because:· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district· It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like CP11 because it puts most of Flathead County in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · Keep Lewis and Clark county whole WE SUPPORT CP12 Thank you for helping "WE THE PEOPLE" and standing up for US!!!

Debra Bond	debibond8@gmail.com	Whitefish, Montana	Please select map 11. It is essentially the only map that represents all Montanans in a fair and just way. All other 10,12,13 split Montanans and are gerrymandering created by republicans wanting to squelch those that don't agree with their politics. We don't want our state to sink deeper into disparities. Please please support map 11 that creates the best of your final 4 maps
Sarah Swanson	sswanson@fesmt.com	Fort Peck, MT	I am the retired/former owner of Farm Equipment Sales, Inc. a four store John Deere dealer organization providing parts, sales, and service to over 14 eastern Montana counties. I fully support Map 12. The agriculture outputs of Lewis & Clark county are most closely aligned with the trade & economic issues of Eastern Montanan, and should be in the same Congressional District.
Attila Folnagy	attilafolnagy@gmail.com	Helena, MT	I continue to support CP11 as it does the best job of keeping the majority of communities of interest in the western counties intact. Map 12 and 13 fail to do this. CP11 is also most similar to the original district 1 map. It is critical to approve a map that is closest to what the original congressional district map was as it is not as susceptible to claims of gerrymandering.
Carol M. Jazwiecki	cjazwiecki@hotmail.com	Livingston, MT	I am in favor of redistricting map 11 or 13. I am against redistricting map 10 or 12.
Allyson Hakala	grover427@yahoo.com	Whitefish, MT	Good afternoon, my name is Allyson Hakala and I have been a resident of Flathead County for nearly 5 years. I am in favor of proposal 11. To me, it seems like the fair way to organize. It does not seem to favor one party over another. I urge you to choose 11. Thanks for your time and your consideration.
Rep. Denley M. Loge	Denleyloghd14@gmail.com	St. Regis, Mt. 59866	Please pick CP 12 as the congressional Map. It looks to be the most fair and leaves the state in a reasonable geographical frame. Thanks
Stephanie Nye Maes	smaes963@gmail.com	Helena MT	Please record my opposition to Map 12. Helena is most definitely not in the East.
David Mihalic	dave@mihalic.com	Missoula, Montana	Noting CP-10 is on the 11/4 agenda, I wish to comment in case you reconsider this map. It does not fulfill the intent of the basic function of the commission, in that it reaches out to the east with Pondera county - an agricultural county more aligned to eastern Montana in every way. Plus, it gerrymanders the dense, metropolitan-like Bozeman and environs OUT of Gallatin County and puts them into the "western" district. This leaves out the remainder of Gallatin County as well as separates it from Park, Bozeman's bedroom community. People will work in one congressional district and live in the other! This makes NO sense!
Pamela Mavrolas	pmavro@mt.net	Helena, MT	Map 13 seems the most fair to me. Map 12 is clearly favors the Republican party.
Paul Joel Maes	joelmaes@mt.net	Helena MT	Please register my opposition to Map 12 Helena is not in the East! What a joke.
Sonia Shearer	soniamaxfield@hotmail.com	MISSOULA	Maps should not favor one political party over another. The Commission needs to minimize the splitting of counties, as stated in the Commission's goals. The Democrat Commission members map splits three counties total, while the Republican map only splits one. Lewis and Clark County, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties should be kept in the East. They are in the Missouri River drainage, which flows in the east. Like Eastern Montana, these three counties also rely on agriculture. Park County should also be put in the Eastern district. The county is located in the Yellowstone drainage, which also goes East.
Carolyn Laceky	cdottiel@hotmail.com	Helena, MT	I believe map 13 best represents all Montanans.
Lloyd K Koehler PhD	klergator@yahoo.com	Garrison, Montana	I am requesting your support for C-12. I have thoroughly reviewed the proposed redistricting proposals and believe the only one that can be viewed as objective and non biased is C-12.
Cliff Wenzek	cwenzek3@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	After reviewing the redistricting maps, I strongly urge the Commission to select Congressional District Commission Proposal 12 - CP12. I feel that this redistricting is the one most equitable and representative for the people of Montana.

Rita Collins	collinsrita@yahoo.com	Eureka, MT	I strongly support Map 11. It seems to be the one which does not give an unfair advantage to any political party but will allow the state of Montana to be fairly represented when we have two Congressional representatives. I realize that your commission is striving to make the best decision and have many challenges to overcome in sifting through comments (oral and written). Please select the redistricting that is fair to the majority of Montana residents. Thank you.
Amy Seymour	Lamontan2000@yahoo.com	Joliet, MT	After looking at the options, I support Map CP12 for several reasons: · It keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · Tt keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole · It only splits 1 county My main concern with CP11 is that it puts most of Flathead county in the eastern district, which is NOT where it should be. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans, either. CP13 splits too many counties. We need to keep Lewis and Clark county in one district. Thanks!
Natalie Walsh	walsh59936@gmail.com	Missoula	I urge the commission to support Map 13 as my first choice. I support Map 11, as a second choice. Please ensure that all voters in Montana have at least the opportunity for competitive elections and fair representation. Maps 13 and 11, still give undue advantage to the Republican party, but are the fairest alternatives under consideration. Please do not engage in Republican gerrymandering to give extreme partisan advantage in the redrawn districts to one party only. Thank so much for your work and for consideration of my comments.
Kevin M Croteau	Kevincroteau@icloud.com	Kalispell MT	The Flathead Valley belongs in the WESTERN Side of the state, it is an absolute disgrace that anyone would even consider anything on the western half of the continental divide EASTERN anything. Typical government logic. Please do anything and everything you can to keep the western side of Montana exactly that the western Half.. God Bless.

<p>Barbara Clark      bahclark@gmail.com      Helena, Montana</p>	<p>I request that the Committee advance Map 11, which is the only map under consideration that meets all the criteria and goals that the Commission has unanimously approved. Map 11: Does not unduly favor a political party. Minimizes splitting of towns and counties. Considers communities of interest. Considers competitiveness. Map 11 succeeds in not unduly favoring a political party. It splits only one county and does so in a way that does not split any communities or towns. It keeps all federal reservations whole. It keeps both Gallatin and Lewis and Clark counties in the Western District, in alignment with their cultural and economic interests. Map 10 fails to meet these same criteria. It unduly favors a political party and fails to consider competitiveness by creating zero competitive districts. It also fails to minimize the splitting of towns and counties by dividing the communities of Gallatin Gateway, Big Sky, and the growing suburbs of Bozeman. Map 10 fails to adequately consider communities of interest, as it puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring both current and historic ties that Lewis and Clark County has with Western Montana, and Pondera County in the Western District, splitting it away from similar agricultural counties in the Eastern District. Map 12 fails to meet the criteria of not unduly favoring a political party and considering communities of interest. It puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring current and historic ties between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana. Likewise, it puts much of Pondera County in the Western District, despite its clear historic and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in Eastern Montana. Map 13 fails to meet the criteria of minimizing the splitting of towns and counties. It splits three counties and does so in such a way that the growing suburbs of Helena and Bozeman are split from the rest of their respective cities. Further, the last-minute introduction of Maps 12 and 13, despite overwhelming public support for Map 11, gives Montanans little time to comment and undermines the public's ability to participate meaningfully in the redistricting process. I respectfully request that the Commission abide by its unanimously agreed-upon criteria and goals and select Map 11 as the final Congressional Map.</p>
<p>Signe Anderson      signemae@yahoo.com      Corvallis, MT</p>	<p>I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>
<p>Jennifer Gullett      jen.gullett@gmail.com      Bozeman, MT</p>	<p>I am writing in support of Map CP 11 because it puts communities with similar needs and interests into representative zones. A statement on the home page of the site stresses the importance of doing so: "Each and every Montanan is entitled to an equal voice in the halls of the U.S. Congress and under the dome of the state Capitol in Helena." If the western district is not set up to be competitive, i will effectively not live in a democratic state. I rely on the ability to BE HEARD by democratic congressional members at the state and federal level. When i get a form letter back from the "new" republicans, it is pretty demoralizing because it is obvious that they don't hear me or consider the merits of my concerns. Please, keep democracy intact and give the western constituents a REPRESENTATIVE choice in their elected officials, and be a model to the rest of the nation and history. Please choose Map CP 11. Thank you, Jen</p>
<p>John Hoffland      adamsfamily_13@q.com      HELENA</p>	<p>I support Map 13. It provides for at least one competitive district so that a substantial proportion of Montana's population are not permanently disenfranchised.</p>

Shelley Lustman	shelleypip@aol.com	Kalispell Montana	I Shelley Lustman kalispell Montana strongly recommend that CP12 map be adopted, as you are aware the Flathead county is very concerned, splitting up our county,It would surely result in many lawsuits including an not limited to a class action. Please be mindful of that, CP12 map is a comprise to the well liked CP1 map . Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation
Krista Sauer	kjhdc2001@yahoo.com	Glasgow	I support Map 12. Lewis and Clark county's economic and agriculture outputs belong in Eastern Montana's congressional district.
Robert L Paver	snarks_01_winning@icloud.com	Livingston MT	I support CP 12. This proposed map fairly and accurately represents the political perspectives of the entire Montana population taken as a whole. And that should be, in fact, the objective of the commission.
Colwell Michelle	shellycolwell@hotmail.com	Corvallis, Montana	Please adopt CP12 as the map for Montana. I support this map and do not support any others up for discussion at this time. Thank you for representing what "we the people" desire!
Katherine and Ronald Bachrach	oreo926@gmail.com	Whitefish Mt	In light of the new redistricting map proposals, our family is reiterating our support for Map 11. Thanks so much for your consideration and thoughtful and intentional work.
Roxanna Brothers	roxiebro14@gmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	Thank you for your work on this difficult issue!
Christian Ward	crichardward@gmail.com	Helena, MT	I oppose the CP-12 map. It would put Helena in the Eastern District and my vote would never matter.
Cassandra Mitchell	CassMontana@gmail.com	Helena Montana	I support using map #13 to determine our congressional districts. It seems to allow for the most political diversity. My second choice is Map #11.
Tandy Miles Riddle	tandyriddle@gmail.com	Livingston, MT	I think it is an obvious choice to keep Livingston and Bozeman together in the same district. Many of our residents live in one town and work in the other. There is not a good reason to dilute our vote in a way taht makes no sense. Plesse support Map #11 or #13 but NOT #12. Thank you.
Roxanna R Brothers	roxiebro14@gmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	Good morning,I am Roxanna Brothers. I live in Kalispell, Montana. I have been a resident of this place for 56years. I am writing to support map11. This map is the most fair one of all. Map11 does not unduly favor one political party, it makes a competitive district. I would like to thank everyone for the time and consideration you have put into this very difficult job. I would also like you to know that I strongly oppose map10. I feel that unduly favors one political party. In Montana we need to be more fair and caring. I have lived all my life in Montana and have never missed an election!
Patricia Borneman	patricia.borneman@gmail.com	Helena, MT	I have reviewed the redistricting maps for public comment and urge you to adopt Map 13, with Map 11 as my second choice. These maps represent the fairest distribution in each district. Thank you.
Caroline M Rehder	mtcorazon@earthlink.net	Livingston, MT	I am against CP-12 as a redistricting map. Even though I am a resident of Park County, I work part time in Gallatin County. Thus, I understand that Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston's interests will be ignored in District 2. The economy and social interests of Livingston are more aligned with Gallatin County than with eastern Montana.

Rebecca Ondov	contact@Rebeccaondov.com	Corvallis, MT	Thank you for all the work you've put into these maps. I support CP12 because it competitively includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, giving them a bigger voice and more representation. According to the law Redistricting Criteria MCA 5-1-115 4 (b) the number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as small as possible, which CP 12 does by only dividing one county, keeping Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. I'm not in favor of CP 13 for this reason because it divides 3 counties. And I'm not in favor of CP 11 because it divides Flathead County and puts part of it in the Eastern District—and I don't feel that that map is good for Montana. Out of all the maps, I feel that CP 12 is the best for Montana as a state and is the best competitive map for its residents. I've also posted this comment on CP 12. Thank you for all your effort, Rebecca
Kevin Ward	ward.kevinpatrick@gmail.com	Helena	Commissioners, I implore you to not adopt CP-12. As a resident of Helena Montana I would feel that my community of interest is more aligned with the western part of the state than the east. It is a worry that my representative will have no cause to respond to their constituents in Helena and this will cause voters to become disillusioned with process. Please keep communities of interests in tact and oppose CP-12.
Kevin Ward	ward.kevinpatrick@gmail.com	Helena	Commissioners, I implore you to not adopt CP-12. As a resident of Helena Montana I would feel that my community of interest is more aligned with the western part of the state than the east. It is a worry that my representative will have no cause to respond to their constituents in Helena and this will cause voters to become disillusioned with process. Please keep communities of interests in tact and oppose CP-12.
Lorelyn M Pelatt	lpelatt@cap-dev.com	Billings	Map 12 is Best!!! Thanks for listening.
Whitney Swanson	swanson.whitney.m@gmail.com	Glasgow, Montana	As a lifelong resident of northeast Montana, map 12 best represents our values and way of life. The farming and agriculture in Lewis and Clark county represents northeast Montana.
Lorin Olson	Lorinolson@hotmail.com	Billings, MT	I support the CP12 map. It keeps Lewis and Clark county whole. I don't like CP 11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. I don't like CP13 because it splits to many counties. I thank you for your consideration in this matter. Lorin Olson (Billings)

Duane Catlett	djcatlett@bresnan.net	Bozeman, MT	<p>Of all the proposed and considered maps, CP11 best meets the spirit of the redistricting guidelines. I am a strong proponent of Map CP11. I oppose the last proposal, CP12, in that it breaks up significant voting blocks within the State essentially eliminating their voice in the hall of political power. Montana is a geographically large state with a growing population with widely diverse cultural, political, recreational, religious, and economic interests. Democracies thrive best for their citizens when voters voices are heard and their representatives respond with legislation that supports the peoples' needs. Citizens voices can best be heard in our State Capitol, when voters having similar interests are within the same voting districts. Map CP11 does this best by following the historical precedent of the 1980s Montana Congressional districts. The Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and the Hi Line that share agricultural economic interests remain intact. Union towns, Helena and Butte, are kept in the same district, as are ski tourism areas. With the exception of Billings, the urban centers of the state which have similar economic interests are within the western district. Other communities with similar economic interests are also kept together, like Helena and Jefferson and Broadwater counties, and Bozeman and Livingston. I urge the Commissioners to select Map CP11. Thank you for your excellent work and desire to keep Montana forward looking while assuring that its heritage remains foundationally strong. Thank all of you Commissioners for the hard work that you have done these past months. This is such important work as it sets the state for the role that Montanans will play in the state's future prosperity and the role it will play in preserving the democracy of our great nation. Sincerely, Duane Catlett</p>
Virgle Brite	virglebrite@gmail.com	Columbia Falls, MT 59912	<p>I prefer CP-1. But if I have to accept a map that is not lawful I would choose CP-12. A question was asked by a member of the commission on the 30th, why would CP-12 not be lawful. As outlined in MCA 5-1-115 (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan: (a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress; (b) political affiliations of registered voters; (c) partisan political voter lists; or (d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court. So, the question I would ask; was any map drawn with any of these political views in mind? If so, then their lawfulness are in question. Sincerely, Virgle Brite</p>
Reynolds Cameron	reynolds.cameron@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	<p>Shame on the MTRC! Do not make Montana the laughing stock of the nation. NO GERRYMANDERING! Cut the state in two. Split off 14,391 residents from the western-most part of Cascade County to MT-West, then the rest for MT-East. Then there is a clean split: MT-West = Lincoln, Sanders, Mineral, Flathead, Lake, Missoula, Ravalli, Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Teton, Lewis &amp; Clark, Powell, Granite, Deer Lodge, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Beaverhead, Madison and the western 1/10th of Cascade. This equals 542,100 residents. For MT-East, the border comprises Liberty, Chouteau, 9/10ths of Cascade, Meagher, Gallatin. Easy-peasy and fair. As a resident of Kalispell, I take great offense at the partisans who seek to label the Flathead as MT-East. ARE YOU KIDDIBG ME? If the Supreme Court member votes to jerrymander Flathead County, it will destroy trust in the impartiality of the MT Supreme Court. Sincerely, Reynolds Cameron</p>

			I would like to encourage the Commission to adopt CP 13. CP 13 is the only map that incorporates all communities of interest together. Historically, Helena has had deep workforce connections to the communities of Butte, Anaconda and Missoula. Likewise, Missoula and Bozeman have deep ties as University towns. Additionally, Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, Park County, and Glacier County have economic ties as connector communities for our two national parks in Montana. Finally, I feel it is important that the Blackfeet Nation be placed in the same congressional district as Glacier National Park, given the tribe's deep spiritual and historical connections to that place. Ultimately, I feel like the other maps divide these communities of interest and the frequently cited reasoning is to maintain county boundaries. This rationale ignores the fact that communities of interest don't necessarily align with county boundaries that were drawn long, long ago. The congressional districts have the ability to change every 10 years, and should be more flexible than hard political boundaries, especially when considering the communities of interest that should be bound together.
Tyler Gernant	trgernant@msn.com	Missoula, MT	
			As of November 2, I would rank the remaining contenders in this order and for these reasons: First choice: Map # 13. It does the best job of keeping together in the western district the communities that are most similar, including Bozeman, Helena and Missoula, but without the inappropriate assignment of most of Flathead County to the eastern district. Second choice: Map #12. The districts benefit from compactness and little county splitting. But if competitiveness is to be considered at all, this map fails that test. Third choice: Map #11. There is no credibility to putting most of Flathead County in the eastern district. Competitiveness seems to be this map's only redeeming feature.
Daniel Kemmis	kemmisdaniel@gmail.com	Missoula	
Judith Haefner	haefnerj@man.com	Hamilton, MT	Map #12 is best. It keeps Flathead and Gallatin counties intact; gives tribal members more than one voice; is more compact; is more closely aligned with traditional lines of districts
David Crocket V	dscrocket5@yahoo.com	RedLodge, MT	Hello: I think that the map known as CP 12 is the best for our state. It keeps nearly all counties intact. Thank you. David
Robert S. FitzGerald	fitzer@bresnan.net	Helena, MT 59601	NO on map 12! Keep Helena in the western district, where it has always been.
Laura Hines	lhineshouse@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	Please keep Flathead County in the western district. I believe our county businesses and interests closely align with Glacier County. The disparity in Native American representation should also be considered and map 12 keeps two nations in the western district
Candace Forrette	hills2prairie@gmail.com	Billings	After much consideration, I support Map 13 with Map 11 as a second choice. These two maps allow for all voters to have a chance be heard and to be represented by someone who has somewhat similar views. Thank you.
forrest schoessow	forrestschoessow@gmail.com	Bozeman, Montana	I am writing to express my support for Map 11. I believe it is the only map that fulfills all of the Commission's agreed-upon criteria unlike Maps 10, 12, & 13.
Elizabeth Sorlie	lizsorlie@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	Please vote for Proposal 11 regarding redistricting.
Janet Bristol	jmbristol@hotmail.com	Whitefish, MT	I vote for CP-12. Flathead county needs to stay in the Western district as our interests clearly differ from the issues facing the citizens in Eastern Montana. Artificially carving out Flathead County into Eastern Montana is clearly political and not in the best interests of our citizens.
Gretchen Bingman	mt_gsb@hotmail.com	Helena	Dear Commissioners, As a Helena resident, I am strongly opposed to proposed map 12, which puts Helena and Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District. Helena is clearly part of Western Montana and should not be included in the Eastern District. Thank you for your work and consideration. Gretchen Bingman



Dixie Hart	LostArt@q.com	Livingston, Montana	I strongly support Maps 11 and 13. I think both of these proposed maps would create fair and competitive districts. I am opposed to Map 10 which places Gallatin, Park, and Lewis and Clark counties in the eastern district creating which would give Republicans an advantage in both districts. I am strongly opposed to Map 12. This map separates Gallatin and Park Counties by placing them in separate districts. It also puts Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district separates Jefferson county from Silver Bow county. This map is the worst of the final proposals and should not be considered fair and competitive. Thank you for your consideration, Dixie Hart
McCall Flynn	mcflynn12@gmail.com	Helena, MT	Dear Commissioners-- Thank you for your work on the Montana Redistricting Committee. I have no doubt this has been a laborious process. I write today to ask that you please adopt CP11. As a resident of Lewis and Clark County, I find it incredibly important to be in a district that is competitive and like-minded. Lewis and Clark County, specifically Helena, has a long-time union history, like those of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow Counties. As a former resident of Anaconda, I can attest to this. Additionally, I think it's important to ensure that our districts are drawn in a way that allows for all voices to be represented. I fear that CP12 does not accomplish this. CP12 does not meet the basic definition of competitiveness that this commission adopted, and clearly favors republicans, which is the mere definition of unduly favoring one party. This is not the Montana way. I ask that you please consider those in Lewis and Clark County when casting your vote and keep us in the west district where we share commonalities like unions, tourism, urban communities, etc. Thank you for your time.
KateN kaminski	kkaminski04@gmail.com	Livingston MT	Keep Park and Gallatin together. Be fair to all Montanans.
Margaret Petrick	timachkas@hotmail.com	CLANCY	I am in favor of map #12.
Loren George Everett	Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov	Kalispell	I am in support of Map CP-12 as it is a fair and competitive split and meets the criteria. Make it so. Thank you
Loren George Everett	Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov	Kalispell	Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov I am supporting an West / East House of Representative state division, which is fair compromise. Thank You.
Cody cornwell	jnbar@nemont.net	Glasgow MT	I support map 12 the commerce in Billings should be eastern Montana
Loren George Everett	Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov	Kalispell	Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov I am supporting an West / East House of Representative state division, which is fair compromise. Thank You.
Pamela Carlson	pamcarlson@bresnan.net	Helena, Montana	I do NOT support map 12. Helena should be placed in a western Montana district. Thank you!
Linda M. Jackson	vjack@centurytel.com	Kalispell, MT	I support map CP12 for the new district as it keeps Flathead County intact in the western district. Also there are two Reservations in the district. Thank you.
Loren George Everett	districting@mt.gov	Kalispell	I am in support of Map CP-12 as it is a fair and competitive split and meets the criteria. This division is an West/East compromise. It is similar to what is was back in the 1990's. Make it so. Thank you
Collin Leach	hammerfor@gmail.com	Bigfork	I believe that the Congressional districts should be competitive for both major political parties. I support Proposal 11.
Patricia Johnson	ppatricia421@hotmail.com	Kalispell MT	Please keep Flathead County intact and IN the Western District. Carving up Flathead County and dividing it into two districts will only further the political divide that we experience in our valley. Thank you for your consideration. Patricia Johnson Mountain Valley Foods Owner & Resident

Terry Knowles	tk_apogee@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12 Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Terry L. Knowles 301 34th Ave NE, Great Falls, MT 59404 tk_apogee@yahoo.com
Judith Mortensen	jwmortensen@bresnan.net	Great Falls Montana	I would really like to see an at large district where all voters get to choose both representatives. With out this option I feel the lest damage done the better. Map 12 seems to split the fewest communities. and Logically keeps Flathead as on voting district. Splitting that county really appears more harmful than the others. Splitting Helena between east and west is almost as bad as spllting Kalispell and Whitefish. None of us knows the future which may change drastically as one large company can dramatically change the population and voting trends. We as citizens of what has always been a community of the same values and moral ideals will hopefully be able to utilize the increased representation in a manor that will benefit every citizen. A solution that is not good for all is bad for all. Your task is such a building block for our future I pray God be with you all! JWM
Judith Mortensen	jwmortensen@bresnan.net	Great Falls Montana	I would really like to see an at large district where all voters get to choose both representatives. With out this option I feel the lest damage done the better. Map 12 seems to split the fewest communities. and Logically keeps Flathead as on voting district. Splitting that county really appears more harmful than the others. Splitting Helena between east and west is almost as bad as spllting Kalispell and Whitefish. None of us knows the future which may change drastically as one large company can dramatically change the population and voting trends. We as citizens of what has always been a community of the same values and moral ideals will hopefully be able to utilize the increased representation in a manor that will benefit every citizen. A solution that is not good for all is bad for all. Your task is such a building block for our future I pray God be with you all! JWM
Loren George Everett m	ixoyeproject7@hotmail.co	Kalispell	I am in support of Map CP-12 as it is a fair and competitive split and meets the criteria. This is similar to the House of Representative area back in the 1990's. Make it so. Thank you.
Joseph P Grana	mt49er@icloud.com	Columbia Falls, Montana	I am in support of Map CP-12 only! We need to keep the flathead valley as one, not divided for political gains of the left!
Kenneth L Balster	kennethlb1@hotmail.com	Billings, Montana	I am very much in favor of map #12. By comparison, it seems to be the most fair solution. Thank you for providing an opinion forum...very much appreciated.
Florette Bennett	fbennett1941@gmail.com	Billings Mt	I prefer map #12 Thank you

			<p>I appreciate the extreme effort you are putting into this very difficult decision. I was a zoom attendee at the first public comment session, and was on line from 10 AM until 4PM that day. It was stressful just listening to the public comment which was not always respectful to all the public. I can't imagine doing this same thing, either with public comment or in private deliberation, day after day. Thank you all for your service. I cannot attend the public comment meeting on Thursday, but I do want to weigh in. I support maps 11 and 13. Map 11 keeps a high growth area together, Gallatin County. It does slice a small piece off the Flathead. But, keeping a complete Gallatin County in one district and most of the Flathead and Yellowstone County in another district makes sense to me. These are the 2 high growth areas in the state. They will continue to be so and we can pretty much count on that being true. In this way, map 11 will equalize growth over time and keep the population division stable. Map 11 keeps counties, communities and areas of interest whole, with the exception of the Flathead. It achieves your goals the best of all the maps. Map 13, the compromise map is just that. It splits Gallatin County in an effort to gain consensus. It puts 2 reservations in the western district, and it keeps the Flathead whole. Either of these maps is a fair division of the state. However, map 12 is unacceptable. It totally unduly favors a political party, which according to your goals you are trying to avoid. A portion of the public comment is devoted to stating that no voting records should be considered in the creation of the 2 districts. How can you possibly avoid unduly favoring one party over another if you don't consider the voting records in a just manner?? It separates Butte from Jefferson County. It purposely divides the union vote of Butte from Helena. For a map that supposedly is not considering the voting record of precise areas, this one sure does a good job of splitting the vote up to favor one party over another. I find it difficult to understand how on one hand the map proponents say that voting records are irrelevant, and on the other hand the map does an excellent job of splitting the vote. Again, thank you so very much for your hard work. Linda Semones 404 S. Church Ave. Bozeman MT 59715</p>
Linda G Semones	lindasemones@hotmail.com	BOZEMAN	
Carol Larson	jl Larson52@outlook.com	Columbus	Please vote for the CP-12 districts
James Larson	JLARSON52@OUTLOOK.CO	Columbus, MT	I prefer CP - 12. Thanks
Jon Cuthbertson	carmenjon@centurytel.net	Kalispell	<p>STOP GERRYMANDERING! "Cometitive districts" is an idea that is against state law. Draw a line down the state from North to South along the continental divide. #1 and 3 are not bad. Just take a look at the others! They are so obviously bad maps. Classic gerrymandering. Whats next one that looks like a salamander so we can fit the name perfectly? Stop with the "competitive district" BS. Make Montanans proud that we don't play those political games!</p>
Linda Turner	lindalt2012@gmail.com	Billings, MT	<p>Montana Redistricting and Appointment Commission: I have viewed the proposed maps for the redistricting of Montana. It is important to me for this redistricting to appropriately represent the people of our state. It was important to our founding fathers for the people of this country to be fairly represented not only in population but also in area type. Map CP12 would most fairly represent the state of Montana in my opinion. It is vitally important for the agricultural population to be fairly represented. They are an extremely important element in our state's representation. Please vote for map CP12 to redistrict our great state of Montana. Thank you for your consideration. Linda Turner</p>
Ron Staley	twocampers@myexcel.com	Great Falls, MT	Please choose map CP-12. I think it is the fairest choice. It only divides one county and keeps the CSKT and the Blackfoot Reservations in the western district for a stronger voice in the new district. Thank you for your time.

I am EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED of where we are at: 1.Map CP 11 is a TOTAL FAILURE, it has Flathead County in the East where it has NOTHING AT ALL IN COMMON, politically, economically or culturally with the East. It puts Gallatin and Park County into the Western District which definitely belongs in the Eastern District. This is NOT keeping communities of interest in tack!! 2.It also has Glacier National Park in the East! I can only say you have things totally BACKWARDS!! 3.Map CP 11 has about 1/10 of the Canadian Border with the other 9/10 of the Canadian border going to the Eastern side, obviously the border should be shared more equally. 4.Out of the seven Native American Tribes in Montana, CP11 has (1) in the West, which clearly isolates it from all the other tribes, and (6) in the East. 5.It's also not compact, as per one of the requirements, when a Congressperson from the East would have to travel approximately 500 miles or 10 hours, without stopping, to speak to his voters. 6.CP11 is totally offensive it's even being considered and is nothing more than trying to manipulate the boundaries to favor one party. Map CP12 is MUCH better: 1.It keeps Flathead County and Glacier County in the Western District. 2.It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. 3.It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. 4.It only splits 1 county. Map CP1 was definitely the best....let's choose CP12 and get this process completed.

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Pat Doyle patdoyle16@gmail.com Helena, Montana

I am writing to oppose map #12.

I continue to support Map 11 in the Redistricting of MT for the congressional seat. It is the only map that meets commission criteria AND is competitive, meaning that both Republicans and Democrats have opportunity to be elected. In the divisive environment we currently live in, having competitiveness is absolutely a good thing. Candidates will have to attract voters from a wide swath which hopefully will lead to moderation and compromise. In addition, Map 11 continues to allow Native Americans to consolidate their voting voice for impact within 1 district, coming closest to matching the eligible numbers of Native American voters in the state. I urge the commission to choose Map 11. Thank you for your willingness to listen to the public's voice in this very important decision.

Linda L Henderson linda.henderson891@gmail.com Missoula, MT

Dear MT Districting and Apportionment Committee Members: I have been, on the whole, very pleased with the transparent, democratic, and thoughtful process for this incredibly momentous civic and electoral moment in Montana (and our nation's) history. The last time Montana had two Congressional districts in 1993, I was only 10 years old and obviously unable to vote. Now, as a 38 year-old Montanan who has voted in every election for which I have been eligible, the time has come where my vote - and that of everyone of my fellow Montanan voters - could be impacted dramatically. We know very well that throughout the country, including most certainly here in Montana, Americans have witness a rapid and extreme political polarization in which increasingly radical (i.e., non moderate and non-people-centered and solutions-oriented) candidates are being elected into office. We also know that electoral districts that do not encourage competitiveness serve to bolster this effect. More so, we know that the democratic, societal and economic implications of this trend present the very real danger of imposing a minority's perspectives on the majority. That is not democracy. That is not America. For these reasons, I support the adoption of map CP 11 or CP 13, which allow for a degree of competitiveness that, while maintaining fair, equal and transparent districts, will help protect against the election of fringe and extreme candidates and help ensure that our elected officials are accountable to and serve ALL Montanans and not just a disproportionately represented minority. Thank you for your work, and for your consideration of my comment. Yours, Lindsay Ryder

Lindsay Ryder lindsay.ryder@gmail.com Bozeman, MT

Deborah Wilson	dmwilson@acwei.com	Kila Montana	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County intact and in the western district. It only splits one county. The tribes have a stronger voice in the new western district because CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations are in the new Western District. Thank you for your consideration.
Rebecca Norton	rannenorton@icloud.com	Whitefish MT	I support CP 11 and would be delighted if my home town of Whitefish could grouped with other resort towns that have similar issues of rapid growth, over-visitation/sustainability, housing availability/STR proliferation and diversity values. I also would like the chance to have one Democrat and one Republican in DC and this district seems to be the most competitive. I am fine with dividing the Flathead-the cultures differ between Whitefish and the county at large and I would prefer that the values of Whitefish-inclusivity, non-discrimination, tolerance, and transparency in governance were also reflected at the national level. Thank you for your service to our great state. I have listened to the hearings and so appreciate this amazing platform for choosing our representative leadership.
Jeri Miller	27focused@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration.
Gale Eversole	Galeeversole@gmail.com	Bigfork	I highly oppose maps CP-10 and CP-12 because they are not competitive districts. All Montanans should have a voice and vote that counts. Not just yours which is a theme in this state. I encourage you to vote for CP-11 which is a competitive map allowing for SLIGHT democracy. It's not ideal but better than 10 or 12. Thank you.
Deborah Richau	deborahrichau@yahoo.com	Billings, Montans	Map 12 aligns with my thoughts!
Jeanie Deetz	jeanie.deetz@evrealestate.com	Kalispell	Please vote for CP-10. Thank you!
charles k young	panhead3958@gmail.com	corvallis,montana	the time has come again as usual for the democratic party of Montana to stop acting like the Marxists that are in Washington,D.C. I believe that with all the libtards moving into the state to avoid the taxation and opression that they allowed in the states they left and now the Dems want to take advantage of this.just look at their map to prove that their mindset is also their totalitarian rule.
Kyle Meakins	kmeaks1@gmail.com	Livingston	Hello, I strongly recommend that the redistricting committee select a map that is competitive and keeps communities and economic regions together. As a park county resident, it is imperative to keep park county in the same congressional district as Bozeman. Park County has become a vital bedroom community to Gallatin County, and Park Co residents rely on amenities and infrastructure in Bozeman for our livelihoods. Furthermore, Yellowstone NP is located in both of these counties, as well as the predominant gateway communities of West Yellowstone and Gardiner. These gateway communities and the MT portions of the park deserve the same representation in congress. Map 11 makes the most sense to ensure competitiveness, and fair representation.
David Creamer	dave.creamer@hubinternational.com	Kalispell, MT	I support CP12

David Robinette	drbearpaws@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12 Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration.
Pamela Merrell	pkm0630@gmail.com	Bozeman	I live in Gallatin County and I support map No. 11 as it best meets the criteria, especially the criterion of creating a competitive district. Map 10 ignores that criterion entirely, which should require that it fails to be adopted. I am tired of my voice being completely nullified in Montana elections. Give voice to many who have been shut out, approve Map 11.
Mary I Johnson	mjirish@gmail.com	Helena, Mt	I favor redistricting map 13 because it gives almost equal representation to both parties and includes two reservations each for our native Americans. My second choice would be map 11 because it is closer to being fair to all. Thank you for considering my opinion.
Tom Rolfe	bocc@lccountymt.gov	Helena, Montana	Dear Presiding Officer and Commissioners, We, the undersigned (being all of the) members of the Lewis and Clark County Commission want to thank you for your work in trying to arrive at a reasonable way to divide our great state into two Congressional districts for the first time in 30 years. We understand that there are some alternatives that would divide our County into two pieces, with part going to each Congressional district. Please do not divide Lewis and Clark County. Some proposals would split the City of Helena away from the Helena Valley. Since most of the people who live in the Helena Valley, work in the City of Helena, we cannot imagine the logic that would prevent thousands of our Lewis and Clark County residents from voting in a Congressional district where they spend half of their waking hours. This idea certainly must violate the principle of common interest. We understand that former Senator Max Baucus, former Governor Marc Racicot, and former Secretary of State Bob Brown have written letters opposing the idea of splitting counties and we heartily agree. Please do not divide Lewis and Clark County. Sincerely, Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners Andy Hunthausen, Chair Jim McCormick, Vice Chair Tom Rolfe, Member
Kimberly Buck	kim_rae_buck@hotmail.com	Deer Lodge, MT	I am in favor of CP12 map since it seems the most fair of the maps being considered, tho disappointed the more lawful and fair maps are off the table now!
Tom Smithlin	tom_smithlin@hotmail.com	Kalispell	Of all these maps, CP11 is the one that makes the least amount of sense. CP12 is probably the best representative of fairness as far as districts in Montana. CP11 is obviously an attempt at gerrymandering.
Eve Holthausen	eve_holthausen@yahoo.com	Kalispell, Montana	After reviewing proposals 10-13 regarding redistricting, I would like to strongly urge you to adopt proposal 11. Proposals 10, 12 and 13 are not fair to voters in their districts, while 11 maintains fair, balanced voting rights for all Montanans. Clearly, Proposal 11 is the only redistricting map which would not be interpreted as favoring Republicans and considered heavy-handed gerry-mandering. Thank you.
Michael Majerus	montanacandy@outlook.com	Red Lodge, Montana	CP12 is by far the fairest and most historically accurate. I also keeps counties intact. CP12.
Jerry Schillinger	j8960@midrivers.com	Circle Montana	I support CP12

			I am commenting on the Montana redistricting maps. The commission should select Map #11 because it creates a competitive district for both parties, it keeps Gallatin County (where I live) together in one district, it keeps Gallatin and Park counties together, which is important given all of the ties between Park and Gallatin counties. Map #11 also makes sense because it keeps resort counties together. Big sky, west Yellowstone, and Whitefish share similar interests and allowing those counties to stay together values those shared interests. The Commission should not select Map # 10 because it divides Gallatin County. Gallatin County should not be separated, we should not be separated from our neighbors, our community, and our local businesses. Livingston and Bozeman would be separated and our two communities are integrally tied to each other. Many local businesses operate in both towns. Individuals live in one town and work in the other. Separating these two communities cuts cultural, economic, and community ties that would be detrimental to our well-being, and would undermine these thriving cultural and economic hubs. Significantly, not only does this map divide Gallatin county in a way that cuts community and economic ties, it also does not create a competitive district, and favors one political party.
Emily Qiu	emilyqiu512@gmail.com	Belgrade, MT	
Nancy Seldin	nancyseldin@yahoo.com	Missoula	Please support map #13, or second choice #11. Native communities need adequate and fair representation.
Mary Messina	mmessina@midrivers.com	Lewistown, MT	I wholly support CP 12. Please make the right decision for Montana.
			Dear Chair and Commissioners, Please support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county. Thank you for your consideration! Jim Weber
James F. Weber	jwdisciple@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	
karen l lyncoln	klyncoln@gmail.com	Billings, MT	Please select a redistricting map that includes at least one highly competitive population. And do NOT select maps 10 or 12. thanks
Bruce Dresel	bruce@dreselranch.com	Circle mt	I support district 12 map
Jim L Riley	jim@livelifedriven.com	Kalispell	Thank you for listening to the community outpour on Saturday and moving to a "legal" map. I am in support of Map 12. I believe it does the best job representing the people that live in this State.
			I live at 597 Clark Homestead Lane, Kalispell , and have resided there for 26 years. Please adopt Proposal 11 for redistricting. This plan keeps resort towns in the same district, university towns together, and agricultural together. Populations in both districts are equitable.
Charlene Iannucci	ciannucci1963@gmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	Thank you for your time and efforts.
Harlan W Shropshire	hwshrop@gmail.com	HELENA MT	Map #13 seems to be most fair to all. Please don't make us Democrats suffer anymore as we have been since the last election - no more guns everywhere, no more rampant spread of covid. Give us a chance to be represented!
Amy Livezey	a.brakeman@bresnan.net	Helena	I support Map 13, as it has the closest political parity of all the maps that also includes 2 reservations.
			I support the adoption of Map CP12. This map allows the residents of Pondera county the opportunity to become better informed by speaking with District 1 and 2 candidates/representatives. As a lifelong time resident of the County, I like that the Blackfeet Reservation is kept whole, and the eastern half of the County will lay in District 2. Please choose Map CP12.
Cheryl Klette	klettefam@3rivers.net	Conrad, Mt	

Mikayla Smith	smish86.ms@gmail.com	Bigfork, Montana	Dear Presiding Officer Maylinn Smith, Commissioners Essmann, Lamson, Stusek and Miller: I am writing today in support of CP10. While CP12 and CP13 keep Flathead County whole and in the western district, the divide of Gallatin County may or may not be appropriate. CP 11 is not acceptable as it would dramatically impact my County. I appreciate all of the work, outreach, and public process that you have lead this past year. Our businesses and economic clusters are interrelated and rely on one another whether in tourism/hospitality, manufacturing, or health care. I ask that you move CP10 forward, however, CP12 and CP13 would be acceptable. Thank you for your service and consideration. Mikayla Smith Bigfork, MT
David Amati	dla330@verizon.net	Bozeman, MT	After thorough review and consideration of the proposed district maps, I fully support MAP 11 as the new voting district. MAP 11 most effectively represents the citizens and allows for the fairest opportunity for moving our state forward.
Brian Prah	brian.prah@gmail.com	Livingston, MT	Park County should remain in same district as Gallatin County. Also Butte with Helena.
Dolores Browder	dbrowdercpm@gmail.com	Missoula MT	In order to fairly give all native people in MT equity, I favor map 13 with map 11 as second choice. Thank you
sally brown	sallybrown6@gmail.com	missoula MT	Please choose map 13 or alternatively map 11. This process is dragging on. The best outcome would be to select a good choice. Thank you for the work you are putting in to save democracy.
Darien G Scott	darien637@msn.com	Helena	While I still prefer CP 2, I will give my support to CP 11, as it seems to be more balanced and doesn't seem to favor any one political party.
Marcia A. Lennick	marciaalennick@hotmail.com	Great Falls	Please use CP12 Map
Lori Ryan	loribredemeyer@gmail.com	Billings, MT	Dear members of the redistricting committee, Thank you for your hard work on this important task. I'm writing in support of Map 13, which comes closest to political parity and also includes two reservations in each district. I hope you'll consider choosing this map as the best option for all Montanans. Thank you, Lori Ryan
Sue Vinton	sue@vintonlog.com	Billings, MT	I support Map CP12 as an acceptable compromise for the following reasons: • It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. • Although I do not agree that Gallatin County should be in the Western District, CP12 does keep Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. • It only splits 1 county. For the above reasons, I support CP12. Thank you for your service on this important Commission.
Denise Hayman	scotthayman85@gmail.com	Bozeman	Map 12 is not a fair and competitive map. It will create two safe republican districts.



Dear Re-Districting Commissioners, My name is Dan Vermillion. I grew up in Billings and now live in Livingston. I have, unsuccessfully, run for the state legislature 2 different times here in Park County. As a long-time Montanan, I remember when MT was represented by Pat Williams and Ron Marlenee. Montanans are very fortunate that we now have an opportunity to be represented by a second person in the US Congress. As you deliberate, I would encourage you to focus on keeping communities intact to the best of your ability. In some cases, communities are defined by cities or counties, and, in other cases, communities can span different counties. Park and Gallatin County are just such a place where the two counties are inextricably linked to the extent where there are several thousand people commuting between Bozeman and Livingston. While, as a Billings person, I would like to see our people travel to Billings, it is undeniable that Livingston is essentially a suburb of Bozeman and their future growth is inextricably linked. Sort of like Belgrade and Bozeman. As was always the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under CP 11. It ensures district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities. They are experiencing the same rates of growth, and their economies are one in the same with significant numbers of workers residing in Livingston while working in Bozeman. Similarly, in our local schools, where I am a school board member, we have numerous teachers and staff that live in Bzn but work in Livingston. As a person who has run in two very uncompetitive districts, HD60 and SD30, I would suggest that democracy and effective government is well served by creating districts where both of the major parties have an equal opportunity to succeed. Districts that are carved out to promote one party over another are destructive to our democracy and deeply limit the number of voices represented in our representational democracy. Montana has always done things the MT way. Our re-districting commission is designed to thwart partisan districts in an effort to create districts that encourage citizen involvement as candidates and voters. CP 11 falls under the guidelines set forward by the commission: it creates a competitive seat that does not unduly favor one party over another, and it reflects communities in a way that partisan gerrymandering cannot. Please support CP11. Thank you for your service.

Daniel Vermillion      dan@sweetwatertravel.com  
 m      Livingston

The new congressional districts should be as competitive as possible and not a lock for either party. This is particularly important for the western half of the state, should the maps break Montana into East and west. If the western half is not competitive than roughly half the population will have no real voice or input on the issues important to them! Thanks for listening.

Roger Bradley      rgrbradley264@gmail.com      Belgrade, Montana

Annemarie Irish      click.point@yahoo.com      Billings Montana      Please support CP12!!

I live in Livingston. I think that CP 12 would be a horrible decision, slicing Park County off from Gallatin makes no sense. Livingston and Park Count's regional economies are incredibly intertwined with Bozeman and Gallatin County and we should be voting together for our region and communities. Gallatin & Park County have a very specific and unique economy and set of needs and our voices will not be heard if we separated into two districts.

Karrie A Kahle      karriekahle@gmail.com      Livingston, MT

			The redistricting map that this supposedly fair and unbiased commission has created is neither of these. It is clearly another attempt by the Republican party to set up elections to favor their outcomes. It seems like that's the ONLY thing that the republican party has made any attempt to accomplish- just steal elections and we'll be good! Never mind fairness or truly representative democracy. This is a rural state, something that we as Montanans value, and the folks in rural counties deserve to be heard and represented, as does EVERY person in Montana, not just the people that the Republicans know will fall in step with them. Honestly, the lack of integrity and imagination on the part of the Republicans in this country right now is staggering and alarming. I have VERY little confidence in their ability to lead this country anywhere! Other than to continue to grow the wealth of the extremely wealthy and never mind the rest of us. That is not leadership, it's cheating. Cheating Montanans of their right to fair representation, as our constitution guarantees. Is this what you'll be proud to tell your grandchildren?? That you helped steal the elections of 2022 because you have NO PLAN OF SUBSTANCE THAT BENEFITS ANYONE BUT YOU AND YOUR CRONIES?
Rose Beaudin	beaudin1@gmail.com	Livingston , MT	
Tamara Balkenbush	tbalkenbush@gmail.com	Polson, mt	Let's keep our county of Flathead united. This is a means if pitting the elite of Whitefish against the others and the Democrats against many Republican values that reside here.
Lois J Olsen	bobamdfuzzy@gmail.com	Helena MT	Helena and Bozeman should be in the western district. I don't care where Kalispell goes. The gerrymandering of our voting precincts destroys our democratic process. Balance out the population across the districts, make the two congressional districts competitive and start functioning as a democracy again.
Jennifer Dinges	jenndinges@gmail.com	Bozeman, Montana	After looking at the proposed redistricting of the Montana Congressional districts, I feel that Map CP12 is the most balanced and most representative of our state. Thank you for your consideration.
Shaney Neuharth	sneuharth@yahoo.com	Bigfork	Please keep the Flathead Valley in the Western District. Thank you for your strong consideration.
Terry Dokken	nekkod@msn.com	Missoula mt	I want fair and competitive districts, which seems to be represented by 10/11. I must say though this whole process is too drawn out and confusing.
Salvia Harris	salviaaharris@gmail.com	Livingston MT	Livingston is not part of Eastern Montana in any way. The values and economies are vastly different in Park County than they are in the counties in the eastern part of the state. Park County is closely connected to Gallatin County. They should be represented in the same manner.
Jennifer Boyer	boyerfarm51@gmail.com	Bozeman, MT	I urge you to support map 11. For federal representation it is critically important that our rapidly growing communities and counties can be included in a single district for federal support and planning. The region of Gallatin and Park Counties are facing very similar issues and having coordinated communication and response will be critical for social and economic well-being. Map 12 should NOT be considered as it splits too many regions against one another and will negatively impact coordinated planning and economic stability.

			I support map CP 12 because it complies with all the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts that the Redistricting Committee has adopted because, · Districts are equal in population by one person. · District has protection of minority voting rights because it divides the Native American Reservation as equally as practicable. · Each district consists of compact territory in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography. · Each district is contiguous and in one piece. Map CP 12 meets the Committees Goals for Congressional Districts because, · Both districts are equal as possible and do not favor a political party. Montanan's vote for the candidates and not always the party. · Minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts. Pondera County is the only county divided to provide closer balance of Reservations. · Keeps communities of interest intact, number of Indian reservations, urban interests, suburban interests, rural interests, tribal interests, neighborhoods, trade areas, geographic location, demographics, communication and transportation networks, social, cultural, historic, and economic interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles intact. · Places both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Map CP 12 meets Montana Code Annotated 5-1-115 requirements which the Commission has
Cindia Ellis	cindia@midrivers.com	Miles City, Montana	been charged with upholding. Sincerely, Cindia Ellis
			Dear Commission, I am writing in support of the 10/11 Consensus Map for approval in the new redistricting process. The economic priorities and necessities of Montanans are different across the Eastern and Western parts of the state. We need elected officials who are able to understand the differences between Western Montana's tourism and technology-based economy and Eastern Montana's agricultural, mining and production economy. By electing officials from each of these economic communities, we are ensuring that neither gets forgotten in Montana's progress. Map 10/11 is the best bet to support the economic future of all Montanans. Thank you for your time
Patrick Funk	Patrick.Funk@gmail.com	Helena, Montana	
Debbi waldenberg	dw@centralmt.com	Kalispell mt	We support cp10 keep us all together
			Dear Commissioners, Thank you for working hard to do what is right for Montana and our citizens. Your decision will have a huge impact in determining the future of Montana! Montana values are very important to most residents of our beautiful state. We cherish those values and are asking that your decision is one that will help us ensure that Montana continues to be the great place we all know and love. With that in mind I ask you to please consider my comments and preferences as you deliberate. Also, please follow the law with regard to this matter. 5-1-115 (MCA). I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county. Thanks so much! Terry Ewing 196 Riverview Dr Kalispell MT 59901
Terry Ewing	ewing196@gmail.com	Kalispell MT	
			think this is the most fair map option put forth. Counties/communities are intact as much as possible. Rules are followed. Intent is followed. It's not perfect but I think it's the best option with minimal politics involved. Several of the other maps submitted showed blatant Gerrymandering.
Dan Ewing	drawing999@gmail.com	Kalispell MT	
			Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: • It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. • It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. • It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration. Thomas Millett PO Box 1075 Marion, MT 59925 406-212-3613
Thomas Millett	simplytom@yahoo.com	Marion, MT	

			It is with the worst of pandering that members of the Commission are attempting to gerrymander Kalispell into the Eastern District, thereby diluting our votes into the pool dominated by Missoula and Bozeman. (Remember, if not for the students voting from their college addresses rather than their home addresses, both college towns would be far less "blue" than present anyway.) I didn't move to Kalispell to get sucked into the same congressional district as the only two cities in Montana who voted for Biden. I am here primarily because it is a conservative enclave and want to keep it that way. Divide Montana evenly N/S or E/W by county population and call it good. Anything else smacks of gerrymandering, which is illegal in this state and certain to bring court challenges - wasting more taxpayer money and making the Committee look foolish. You cannot force one of Montana's two districts to lean D without gaming the system. Stop trying to do that and, for once, be a group in a position of authority who does what is fair and right for voters. Do your job for Montana - not for a political party that doesn't care the slightest if Montanans even exist until they need our votes.
Dwight Van Brunt	kodiak_454@hotmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	
Reed L Yeater	ryeater125@gmail.com	Polson	Both maps seem to split the population equally, BUT: Map 11 would move most of Flathead County to the EASTERN District, which is just nuts, both geographically and economically. Map 10 divides the state north to south in a much more sensible fashion, keeping counties West of the Divide together. I would vote for map 10, hands-down!
Doug Bohn	bohnco@gmail.com	Victor	I prefer map #12. It best represents the clear and historic cultural neighborhoods of our state, East and West. Should I have to choose between the latest "compromise" options being maps #11 & #12, I would most assuredly choose map #12. This option at least attempts to uphold common sense and recognize the importance of continuity in geographicly linked communities.
Larry Sundheim	larrysundheim@msn.com	Billings, MT	Dear Commission, Thank you for your service in the districting decision. Your decision for the #12 districting map would be greatly appreciated. Larry and Joan Sundheim
Doug Bohn	bohnco@gmail.com	Victor	Map submission #11 ignores the customs and cultural commonalities of those who live in Western Montana by splitting off a major cultural center of the western heritage and including it with the eastern portion of the state. This configuration would create a clear obstacle for fair representation for those forced to risk life and limb to cross major mountain passes to be heard. Please defeat this option. It makes no sense.
Diane Rewerts	dcrewerts@gmail.com	Troy	Thank you for your work on this. It is obvious that the best interests of Montanans are being considered. I strongly support the adoption of CP13. Previously, I stated support for CP11, but believe that CP13 is a better representation of the Montana communities.
Carolyn Truscott	lv4jsus@msn.com	Helena	I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole
Christina Kramer	christinakramer08@gmail.com	Kalispell MT	I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county.

Edwin Smith	edws1971@gmail.com	Helena, Montana	The Commission should adopt either map 11 or 13. Helena should remain a part of the western district as it aligns more closely with the other cities in the district. The map chosen, should be the most competitive one approved. Montana should have at least one competitive House district based on the criteria established by your commission.
Edwin Smith	edws1971@gmail.com	Helena, Montana	The Commission should adopt either map 11 or 13. Helena should remain a part of the western district as it aligns more closely with the other cities in the district. The map chosen, should be the most competitive one approved. Montana should have at least one competitive House district based on the criteria established by your commission.
Barry Persson	bpersson52@gmail.com	Hamilton, MT	I support map cp 12 because it keeps Flathead county whole, plus includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Thank you for listening to my opinion. Barry Persson
Leslie Rich	leslie@rich4evr.com	Kalispell	I support map CP 10
Barbee Hekkel	bhekkel@hotmail.com	Froid Montana	Of the two maps we are left to choose from, map number 12 is definitely preferable. Thank you.
Laurel Rhodes	drlmrhodes@gmail.com	Livingston	I support Map 11. Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and creates at least one competitive district. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. A large number of Livingston residents commute to Bozeman for work as well as shopping, dining, and recreation. Livingston is a hot spot for Bozeman residents to dine, and enjoy the outdoors. Park county interests will be ignored in District 2. • CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.
Ronald & Elisa Olsen	olsen.elisa@gmail.com	Culbertson , MT	Of the two maps we are left to choose from , # 12 is preferable. Thank you

My name is L. Charles Evans. I was raised in Lincoln County, Montana since 1950, I was a practicing attorney before I retired in 2016. There are so many important issues facing our country and our state that it is difficult to say which is the highest priority. Near the top, however, is what democracy depends on in order to survive, namely the right to a free and fair election. A great deal of legislation has been recently adopted in several states making it more difficult to vote, especially for the poor and minorities. In Montana, we are currently dealing with the creation of a new federal house district. Two maps have been selected for the final vote on which of the two best meets the criteria for the creation of a new district map. The selected criteria are as follows: Maps should be compact, contiguous, protect minority voting rights; not unduly favor a political party; minimize the division of cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts when possible; consider keeping communities of interest intact; consider ensuring the competitiveness of districts and be as equal in population as practicable. Of the two maps (#10 & #11) it appears to me that the most fair is number 11. Map 10 is not competitive; divides Gallatin County; and divides Gallatin Gateway, Big Sky and Bozeman. Map 11 is competitive, divides Flathead County by placing Whitefish in the west and Columbia Falls and Kalispell in the east; but it doesn't divide any communities. Therefore, I urge the commission to adopt Map 11. Montana leans strongly Republican and I think it is important to avoid politicization as much as possible. Thank you for the hard work you have done and the many hours you have spent in your attempt to create a district map that meets the adopted criteria. Considering the divisiveness and bitterness that reigns in some states, it is important to place fairness ahead of politics. God bless our state and this commission.

Charles Evans      lcevans2@frontier.com      Libby

Karen Srenar      eveiegirl@msn.com      Helena Montana

Dear commissioners, I would respectfully ask you to choose map #12. Thank you

Jacalyn A Elsbury      loudfam50@yahoo.com      MARION Montana

I believe Flathead County should remain in the Western district. I understand the political reasoning for the proposal to move Kalispell into the Eastern District. Moving a mountain town into the plains and farmland of the east side only benefits the politicians. The constituents, who they should be representing, don't really seem to matter. The move is preposterous and won't benefit either Kalispell nor the plains of Montana. 2 different lifestyles. I'm sick and tired of political parties only thinking of winning, not about the people they represent

James E Buechle      buechlejim@gmail.com      kalispell Mt. 59901

If Montana logically be split in half then the continental divide seems a good split I dislike any county to be split and believe C P 12 would be acceptable Whatever is done I pray it be done with integrity and legality not politics.

<p>Scot Anderson      sandemt@gmail.com      Missoula, Montana 59803</p>	<p>I am writing to document my input about redistricting in Montana and the recently proposed maps from the Commission. Proposal 12 would split Pondera County, move Lewis and Clark County from the west district where it has been historically to the east, split the Native American representation between the two districts which would reduce their influence, and would create two districts which would not be competitive. I oppose Proposal 12 for these reasons. Proposal 13 would split Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, and Pondera Counties, split the Native American representation between the two districts which would reduce their influence, and would create two districts which would not be competitive. I oppose Proposal 13 for these reasons. I prefer Proposal 11 for the following reasons. First, Proposal 11 would not split Cascade, Gallatin, or Missoula Counties, although it does split Flathead County. The Commission has minimized dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts when possible. Second, Proposal 11 would include all Native American tribal reservations except one, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai (Flathead) reservation, in one district which would enhance the influence of Native peoples. The Commission has kept these communities of interest intact to the extent possible. Third, Proposal 11 would create functionally compact districts in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography. Finally, Proposal 11 would create a reasonably competitive western district, rather than two districts which would be dominated by Republicans and would never be competitive. I believe the next district lines should be drawn in a manner that adequately reflects and fairly represents my community's interests. Please approve Proposal 11, my favored alternative, as the final Congressional district map. These maps will be the basis for our political representation for the next decade and it's important that the maps fairly reflect our communities. Thank you for taking the time to read my public comment. Scot Anderson 3825 Trails End Rd., Missoula, MT</p>
<p>Sherilyn D. Rossiter      ssrossiter@aol.com      Missoula, MT 59808</p>	<p>I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county</p>
<p>Greg Holzman      greg@theholzmans.com      Helena</p>	<p>Hello. I am Greg Holzman and I live in Helena, MT. I SUPPORT Map 11. This map keeps communities together, including Gallatin County. Map 11 minimizes splitting of towns/counties/etc, thus keeping common community interests intact. I DO NOT support map 10, which puts Lewis and Clark County into the eastern district, splitting it off from nearby places like Butte and Jefferson County with which it shares a common history and identity. This goes against the Commissions commitment to keeping communities of interest intact. Thank you for your time and considering my support of Map 11.</p>
<p>Jan Niemeyer      janw@ronan.net      Ronan</p>	<p>I am Jan Niemeyer, 74 year resident of Montana and have raised livestock on the CSKT Reservation for 50 years. I am currently chair of Lake County Conservation District. I support legislative District map 11 as it is now construed. See above I strongly support map 11 as it gives politically diverse populations balanced districts and yet keeps areas with common concerns together. Thanks for considering my brief input.</p>
<p>Lynn Navratil      lynn.navratil@gmail.com      Livingston MT</p>	<p>I care about fair redistricting. Please consider all the factors about communities and regions. I support map 11 or 13. Thank you.</p>

<p>Richard Morrow rmorrow2018@outlook.com Helena</p>	<p>The only map that even makes sense CP 1. While it splits three counties, it is the only map not trying to be gerrymandered by either the Republicans or Democrats. Both sides are generally dishonest which is of course what we now expect from our political organizations and would naturally expect from commissioners appointed by a political party. CP 11 as moved in the last meeting seems to be an attempt to move all Native American reservations (except 1) into the eastern district ( generally Republican) and CP 12 attempts to move the Blackfoot reservation into the Western Division (generally regarded as Democratic). The two maps generally seem to come down to a fight over Lewis and Clark county with CP 11 giving up most of Flathead County to capture Lewis and Clark and CP 12 gives up all of Flathead County in an attempt to have Lewis and Clark county in the Eastern Division. Any map will have people who like or dislike a map which is exactly the argument for CP 1 which generally divides the population evenly and a logical geographical area. The argument for splitting counties is generally to make the population even in both districts which even if you cherry pick every local district would probably require the splitting of some district even at the local level. I would imagine that we have moved way past CP 1 in an attempt to gerrymander, but I would urge the commission to go back to this more logical map. All that being said, I would suggest that CP 12 probably in some ways is better than CP 11. Either way the public is going to be basically electing crooks anyway; all you have to do is look at our current Congressional delegation.</p>
<p>Paula J Coleman paulacoleman0@gmail.com Livingston</p>	<p>Park County is a vial part of the greater Gallatin region. The congressional map should reflect this and keep Park and Gallatin Counties in one district. Please vote against CP12. Thank you.</p>
<p>Gary Glynn gjglynn@gmail.com Missoula, Montana</p>	<p>As a real fourth-generation Montana (unlike the phony kind represented by Senator Daines) I throw my support behind either CP-11 or CP-13. I believe CP-10 and CP-12 will disenfranchise significant numbers of Montana's voters. I remember when Republicans and Democrats in this state worked together towards a common goal of representing Montana's citizens. I believe that CP-11 and Cp-13 are the best option to return our state to those days when partisanship took a back seat to cooperation.</p>
<p>Mary Ruebush mary.ruebush@gmail.com Bozeman</p>	<p>Mary Ruebush, 38 year resident of Bozeman I support map 11. Map 11 is the one which best respects voices of all citizens by keeping districts competitive. It keeps community voices intact by minimizing the splitting of counties, towns and reservations. Other maps favor special interests, minimize population input, and fail to give high density populations adequate weight. Thank you for your careful consideration of the voices of all residents</p>
<p>Nicole Hale nicolebhale@gmail.com Bigfork Montana</p>	<p>Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12. Please pass it. Thank you! Nicole Hale 220 O'Brien Terr Bigfork, MT 59911</p>
<p>Amy Sowers amysowers@mac.com Bozeman MT</p>	<p>I'm writing to voice support for congressional map # 11. Montana need a competitive district so candidates must listen and represent all of the district population. Map #11: Creates a competitive district, in which BOTH parties have a chance to win the seat. Keeps Gallatin County together in one district. Keeps Gallatin and Park Counties, which have strong and longtime economic and cultural ties to one another, in the same district. Keeps the resort areas of Big Sky, West Yellowstone and Whitefish in the same district. These resort communities have shared interests, challenges and understandings.</p>
<p>Mark Galbraith workwithpearl@gmail.com Whitefish MT</p>	<p>As a resident of Flathead Valley for over 20 years, I strongly urge you to to move CP10 forward, however, CP12 and CP13 would be acceptable. Our challenges, opportunities and economic vitality align with our fellow western Montana communities. Thank you for your service and consideration.</p>



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m Proctor, MT

Previous submission sent unintentionally... I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole

Carol and Robert Rydell kiki.leigh.rydell@gmail.com Bozeman

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission: We are beginning to feel and sound like a broken record. We keep saying the same thing because what we are saying is not being heard: it is unethical to create two districts in Montana that favor the same party. Furthermore, it is one of your own goals to create competitive districts. By way of reminder, in July 2021 the Commission voted unanimously in favor of the proposition that the Commission "may consider competitiveness of districts when drawing plans." This is the Commission's language, not the language of a single political party. We are writing to urge you to stick with your stated goal about competitiveness and be certain that the map you select comports with your duty to act as body that is independent of the legislature. Failure to abide by your own goals, effectively undercuts your constitutional mandate to act as an independent body. In other words, do not be intimidated by threats of lawsuits coming from the legislative branch. After weighing in on maps 1 through 9 and then on maps 10 and 11, we weigh in yet again. This time on maps 12 and 13. Please remember that the Commission represents the voices of all Montanans not just the voice of one party and that to abide by one of its own goals, the commission should try to create competitive districts or at the very least, one competitive district. (Please do not be distracted by one party's references to HB 506 which is likely to be overturned as unconstitutional per a 1973 attorney general's decision which states that the legislature is not allowed to interfere with the commission's work on drawing district boundaries.) As we have said twice before, competition is essential for giving Montanans a sense that their vote matters, that they should inform themselves about the issues facing their state and weigh in by supporting a candidate that is attentive to their needs. Competitive districts mean that candidates need to moderate their extreme views by appealing to people from both sides of the aisle because listening to the voice of just one side won't give them a majority of votes. Without competitive districts, more and more Montanans will turn away from politics and no longer make any effort to solve the problems facing their state. They will withdraw into a world of fantasy and entertainment because they know their representative does not need to listen to their perspective or care what they might have to say because their votes do not matter. The representative has his/her election all sewed up...it's a done deal before it's even begun. This is the only opportunity we will have for a long time to draw congressional districts that encourage all Montanans to participate in the governing of their state. Please, please do the right thing: do what you can to create competitive districts (or at least one!). Map 12 does not do this: it outlines two districts that favor the same party. We urge you to go for map 11 or 13. Both recognize that competition is possible in at least one district. If you don't like map 11, here are some good reasons to go for map 13 over map 12; • In map 13, both districts would have at least two reservations; • In map 13, at least one district is competitive (in map 12, this is not the case). Respectfully yours, Carol and Robert Rydell

Sandra OConnor	sandy.oconnor@frontier.com	Proctor, MT	I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole
Stefanie Cavalea	syanch@yahoo.com	kalispell	Map CP12 keeps Flathead County in the Western District and includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the same district which allows for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Only 1 county is split - Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties are whole
Scotia C Brosnan	scotiacbee@gmail.com	Kalispell Montana	I support Map CP12: it keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district· CP12 keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole; only splits one (1) county. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Scotia Brosnan 2146 Merganser Drive Kalispell Montana (406) 607-9429 scotiacbee@gmail.com colleendelong@protonmail.com
K. Bradley Lotton	bradlotion@yahoo.com	Havre, Mt. 59501	Of these last 4 choices I like map 12 the best. It only divides one county and it keeps all of Flathead county in the western district where it has historically always been. 12 also keeps the communities of Helena and Bozeman together. This will be a fair alternative> I support map 12
Jennifer Stockdill	jennyrose21@hotmail.com	Lakeside, MT	I support CP 11. I believe that the Flathead Valley (with exception of Whitefish) aligns more with the more conservative counties of the state. I feel being lumped together with Missoula, Bozeman AND Helena would make our voices MOOT, but by being lumped with the other eastern counties would lend some depth to the voices of the small populated counties.
Charles C. Stearns	cstearns0711@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT-	Dear Chair Smith and Member of the Commission: Thank you for the difficult work you are doing. I am a lifelong Democrat and worked in local government for over 33 years. While I understand the motives and reasons for a democratic sponsored map which would split Kalispell from parts of Flathead County and Whitefish and put it in the eastern district just for competitive districts. This example is gerrymandering at its worst and violates the concept of a "compact" district. I support the maps which show a north-south district boundary which somewhat follows the continental divide and divides Montana into east and west districts, even if that means that Bozeman is in the eastern district as I believe was the case when we had two congressional districts in the 1980's. Thank you for considering my comments.
Ned Maxson	maxson_n@msn.com	Bozeman	My name is Ned Maxson. I live in Bozeman Montana. I support Map 11 which is the only map that meets the criteria. I support Map 11 because it keeps communities of interest intact and does not unduly favor a political party/keeping districts competitive. I don't support Map 10 because it fails to keep communities of interest intact and unduly favors the republican party. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Smith	pmountain5@hotmail.com	Livingston Montana	Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and creates at least one competitive district. • CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. A large number of Livingston residents commute to Bozeman for work as well as shopping, dining, and recreation. Livingston is a hot spot for Bozeman residents to dine, and enjoy the outdoors. Park county interests will be ignored in District 2. • CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.
Candi Walker	djwalker@buyinmontana.com	Kalispell	I feel very strongly that we need to keep Flathead Valley intact and in the Western District. The needs of the East and West are sometimes very different and splitting up our county would not properly represent the needs of our county.
David F Hedeman	hedemandf@netscape.net	Kalispell	I am writing to support CP 12. It keeps Flathead county in the west where it belongs, gives fair representation to Native American tribes by not shoving the Blackfeet into the eastern district, keeps all counties intact with the exception of Pondera, keeps 3 main college towns of Bozeman (MSU), Missoula (UM), and Butte (MT Tech) in the same district, and keeps the 2 National Parks in the same western district. CP 12 is fair, balanced, and accurately splits the state into districts with similar interests. CP 11 and CP 13 are drawn to favor affluent white people with blatant partisanship being the primary goal. Both of them also unnecessarily split counties to achieve that outcome. Please support CP 12 as it is the only fair, nonpartisan map that serves the interests of the people of Montana. Thank you for your time.
Pearl Galbraith	pearldgalbraith@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	I am writing today to support for CP10. Keeping Flathead Valley intact and inclusive with our economic infrastructure. As already shared in prior testimony, our businesses and economic clusters are interrelated and rely on one another whether in tourism/hospitality, manufacturing, or health care. Tourism is our largest economic cluster and our partners stretch across the Valley, including Explore Whitefish, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Glacier Country and others. In manufacturing, our supply chains and freight mobility align and run north to south - not east to west. To separate a small, but important, segment of our Flathead County would potentially fractionalize overall efforts to maintain a vibrant, growing and healthy economy in Flathead County.
Kurt F. Ingold	kingold@montana.com	Missoula, Montana 59802	I like CP12 because it contains both Blackfeet and CSKT for a stronger tribal voice. Thank you.
William R Schwanke	bill.schwanke@gmail.com	Missoula	I like #12 because it only splits one county
Nancy Spagnoli	rogerandnancy@q.com	Victor	My name is Nancy Spagnoli. I have lived in Montana for 42 years and am a retired Montana public school teacher. I am in favor of Map #11 as I believe it meets the criteria: It does not unduly favor a political party, it minimizes dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts and it respects the integrity of the Flathead Reservation. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.
Sally Maison	Sally.Maison3@gmail.com	Bozeman, Mt	Msp 12 clearly gerrymanders to the Republicans. It seems very contrary to the rules. Of all the maps, the least onerous is map 11.
mark ogle	ogle.mark@gmail.com	kalispell	I favor CP 12 as it allows Lewis and Clark, Flathead, Galatin county whole and keeps Flathead cty in the western district.....
Sandra Murray	mtmurrays@earthlink.net	Helena, MT 59601	I still prefer CP#11, even with the addition of the two new possibilities. It maintains more integrity of communities and is more competitively representative of Montana's population and demography.

<p>graybealmiller@hotmail.co patty graybeal-miller m Seattle, WA</p>	<p>I am a property owner and Tax payer in both Lake and Missoula Counties. I have read and support the Major Points: I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it CP13 splits too many counties Yours Respectfully, Patricia Graybeal-Miller 206-384-7730 ·</p>
<p>josh.vandewetering@bresn Josh Van de Wetering an.net Missoula, Montana</p>	<p>I think map 13 is the one. The commission is to be commended, including -- or even maybe especially -- the partisan members. In my observation they have made sincere efforts to advance proposals that are reasonable to the other side. Nice job. I think 13 is the one because although I don't like county-splitting, these splits make sense. The Northern and Southern parts of Gallatin Count really are different, with the Southern part being tourist, National Park, skiing, and forest centered, while the Northern part is far more agricultural and has more in common with surrounding counties to the north and east. Same with the city of Helena having more in common with the western part of the state, while the eastern part of the county has more in common with the eastern part of the state. And the Blackfeet reservation, bordering a National Park has more in common with the other Glacier border counties (and Yellowstone border counties for that matter) than it does with Eastern Counties. I hope you pick it.</p>
<p>peggy barta pbarta02@gmail.com Billings</p>	<p>Dear fellow Montanans: I see you have added two additional potential congressional maps for us to consider. Having looked at these, and given my preference for equal representation of political persuasions as well as not wanting to divide cities/counties if possible, I believe Map 11 is your best choice. I appreciate your attention and all the time you are putting into getting this done fairly.</p>
<p>calmanimal1984@gmail.co Barbara Calm m Kila, MT</p>	<p>I am excited for Montana that we have the opportunity for more representation in Congress. The House districts that were present in my youth were such that the eastern district was reliably Republican, while the western district was competitive and narrowly Democratic. It made for good representation of the diverse interests of our state. Since we lost that seat, the population has shifted and those geographical lines don't work to reflect any diversity at all. Flathead County, where I live, has become ultra-conservative, partly as a result of the efforts of certain groups to attract a particular demographic, which has been quite successful. The Flathead has gone so extremely to the right that to include it in with any Democratic centers would render them completely ineffective as far as adding a balancing voice. The southwest and southern district maps that group the Flathead with the more conservative eastern part of the state, while grouping the more progressive cities of Missoula, Bozeman, Helena and even Billings, would provide the most competitive district. To use the other maps would create two districts that have no competition at all, and would silence a large number of voters.</p>
<p>shelleypip@aol.com Shelley Lustman Kalispell</p>	<p>I Shelley Lustman kalispell Montana strongly recommend that CP12 map be adopted, as you are aware the Flathead county is very concerned, splitting up our county,It would surely result in many lawsuits including an not limited to a class action. Please be mindful of that, CP12 map is a comprise to the well liked CP1 map . Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation</p>

			November 1, 2021 Montana Districting & Apportionment Committee RE: Congressional Redistricting Maps CP10, 11, 12 & 13 Dear Presiding Officer Maylinn Smith, Commissioners Essmann, Lamson, Stusek and Miller: We are writing today to reiterate our support for CP10. While CP12 and CP13 keep Flathead County whole and in the western district, the divide of Gallatin County may or may not be appropriate. We maintain that CP 11 is not acceptable as it would dramatically impact our County. We respect and appreciate all of the work, outreach, and public process that you have lead this past year. As we shared last week, our businesses and economic clusters are interrelated and rely on one another whether in tourism/hospitality, manufacturing, or health care. Tourism is our largest economic cluster and our partners stretch across the Valley, including Explore Whitefish, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Glacier Country and others. In manufacturing, our supply chains and freight mobility align and run north to south - not east to west. To separate a small, but important, segment of our Flathead County would potentially fractionalize overall efforts to maintain a vibrant, growing and healthy economy in Flathead County. The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce represents 714 businesses and 20,235 full and part-time employees. We strongly urge you to to move CP10 forward, however, CP12 and CP13 would be acceptable. Our challenges, opportunities and economic vitality align with our fellow western Montana communities. Thank you for your service and consideration. On behalf of the Board of Directors - Lorraine Clarno President/CEO
Lorraine Clarno	l.clarno@kalispellchamber.com	Kalispell, MT	
Leighton A Dresch	leightoninmt@gtfalls.com	Great Falls, MT	I wish to submit an endorsement for the congressional redistricting and support the Map that I understand to be Map 12. Based what has been given to the public by the commission chair this is the best choice because it only splits one county.
Deborah K Ashby	dkashby410@gmail.com	Columbia Falls, MT	Re: Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12 Chair Smith and Commissioners, Please consider the following comments. I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county This seems quite reasonable. Thank you for your consideration. Deborah Ashby 410 Lynnewood Drive Columbia Falls, MT dkashby410@gmail.com 406-897-2228
Gail E Nevin	dgnevin@msn.com	Missoula, MT 59803	This is my second comment as I realized I failed to recommend a specific map. My strong opinion is that Map # 11 is the ONLY map that satisfies my desire to have at least one of the two MT districts competitive in an election for our only two Federal Representatives in the House! Thanks for considering this additional comment! Gail E Nevin
Kris Mishler	krismishler@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	I support Map CP12 because It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole, while only splitting one county.
Lindsey Mishler	lnmishler@gmail.com	Kalispell, MT	I support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, and it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole while only splitting one county.
Don Creveling	dcrevco@bigsky.net	MISSOULA	Please confirm the either the CP-11 or CP-12Map as the best option for a map that is competitive and fair. Certifying either of these maps is the most effective way to move Montana forward and create once again what has always made me so proud of Montana politics. Fair, balance and moderate approaches to our current problems and for a positive future.
Donald Nevin	dgnevin@msn.com	Mt	We encourage you to support map #11 as the most competitive and fair in this redistricting process. Thanks for your work! Dr Don and Gail Nevin

Chris Amyes	cjamtPA@pm.me	Kalispell, MT	My support for CP-12 is tepid at best as it is the least objectionable unlawful map. Sadly CP1, the only legal map, was quickly scuttled early in the process. The benefits of CP12 are as follows: - It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. - It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. - It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. - It only splits 1 county Thank you for your consideration.
Stefanie Hanson	shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because it keeps flathead county together and in the western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county! It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Thank you for your time and consideration! Stefanie Hanson, 194 Frontage Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com
Wayne Tyler Boeck	WAYNEBOECK@AOL.COM	HELENA	LOOKING AT THE FOUR SUGGESTED MAPS, I STILL FEEL THAT NUMBER 11 IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RESIDENTS OF HELENA!
Eric Knutson	ericknutson007@gmail.com	Dayton	I support map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County and Lake County in the western district.
Diana Hicks	mrswthicks66@comcast.net	Libby	I believe CP12 (my choice) is in the best interest of the state and keeping Western Montana, just that, West of the natural boundary, the Mountains. We have common issues and interests. So Please choose CP12. All voices need to be heard. Thank you very much for your time and effort on this matter. Sincerely Diana Hicks 104 Balsam #4 Libby MT 59923
David Hafer	lmrhafer@gmail.com	Dayton MT	I support Map CP12 because: · it keeps Flathead County in the Western District · It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district · it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole · it only splits 1 county · I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. · CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it · CP13 splits too many counties · keep Lewis and Clark county whole
Susan Wallace	susieq.sw8@gmail.com	Kila MT	I can see the dilemma of the two proposed divisions, I understand the advantage of each. In my thought processes, I always consider common sense as the best alternative. I would propose that because of this we keep Kalispell with the west because it just makes sense. We are a state of many diverse people and places and are also a state of two major regions, East and West, and common sense says to divide in that manner. No political agendas just keep Montana the way it is.
Cassandra Burns	cassie8388@gmail.com	Livingston MT	I'm not sure if my message went through. I just texted asking you to support Map 11. Thank you
Cassandra Burns	cassie8388@gmail.com	Livingston MT	Please support map 11. Park and Gallatin counties need to be kept together. We cannot even buy kids shoes or school supplies in Park County. That is how intertwined we are with Gallatin County.
Cassandra Burns	cassie8388@gmail.com	Livingston MT	Please support map 11. Park and Gallatin counties need to be kept together. We cannot even buy kids shoes or school supplies in Park County. That is how intertwined we are with Gallatin County.
Margo Kelly	margokelly1234@gmail.com	Noxon, Montana	Thank you in advance for taking public comments. I would like to recommend the MDAC select CP12 as a solution for redistricting. It appears to keep Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole, while only splitting one county. It seems CP11 puts most of Flathead County in the east, whereas CP12 keeps Flathead County in the western district. Thank you.

			Dear Presiding Officer and Commissioners: Thank you to each of you, and especially Chairperson Smith for your service in performing a difficult task that is fundamentally necessary to our representative democracy. My purpose is to echo the recommendation you recently received from former Governor Marc Racicot and former United States Senator Max Baucus. It is in the public interest for the Commission to accomplish its important purpose by dividing Montana along the Rocky Mountain Front. This is a tradition Montana people understand. Constitutional requirements can be accomplished in meeting this purpose without violating county boundaries, which would make the Commission recommendation subject to the charge of "gerrymandering." Public trust in our system is fragile now, and it is important for our decision makers not to perform in a way that damages it further. Bob Brown, Whitefish, Former
Bob Brown	bobbrownmt@gmail.com	Whitefish, Montana	Secretary of State
Katherine Howe	sunraven2@wispwest.net	Livingston MT	I strongly urge acceptance of plan 11!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We need fair distribution not totalitarian representation. PLAN 11 Plan 11
David Mihalic	davemihalic@bresnan.net	Missoula, Montana	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As a Montana resident, especially one residing now (Missoula) and previously (Columbia Falls) in the "western" district, and as an enrolled Tribal member, I am IN FAVOR OF MAP CP-12 While not perfect, this map splits fewer counties and keeps Flathead County in the "western" representative district. It ALSO has CKST and Blackfeet in one district where their voices will have greater impact than previous options. This is important for Tribal issues including water compacts. The other alternative, Map CP 11 is unacceptable because it splits Montana's interests in particular Flathead County as well as leaving only ONE tribal entity while congregating the other 7 tribes into Eastern Montana. Blackfeet's interests are more in common with CKST's interests than with far-eastern Montana tribes. Map CP13 is unacceptable because it splits counties and appears to 'bend' and 'reach' into eastern Montana interests - both at the northern border and then again at the southern Montana borders, especially linking the Yellowstone ecosystem's interests to the northern Rockies/Glacier park's interests, which are more "western focused" while Yellowstone looks down the Missouri and east. I urge the Commissioners to think of ALL Montana and choose map 12 which, of these options, is the BETTER choice to reflect the unique cultural/resource-based flavor of an "eastern" and "western" Montana district, which will allow elected representatives to BETTER represent constituents' interests.
Shirley Bollinger	tasatrsbd@rangeweb.net	Rosebud	I am Shirley Bollinger, am retired and live in Rosebud County. I support Map# 11. Map #11 does not unduly favor either political party, minimizes splitting of counties, towns, and reservations and keeps communities of interest intact. I do not support Map # 10. Because Eastern Montana is so strongly Republican, It does not fairly represent enough potential Democratic voters. I want to thank the Commission for your time and for considering my comment.
Dean Williamson	dwilliamsonmt@gmail.com	Livingston, MT	I am writing to encourage the adoption of CP 11 as the new distrcit map for Montana. I am less convinced by arguments that "Democrats deserve a chance to win" than I am resistant to the notion of splitting Gallatin County. And, as someone who has lived in both Gallatin County, where I was raised, and now Park County, I think there are more similarities than there are differences. I lived in rural Gallatin County, so some may disagree that Bozeman looks now anything like Livingston or Gardiner, let along the rest of Gallatin County, but the rural areas of each seem to me of a piece. There is certainly enough shared time in each county that the same representation would seem wise.
Evelie Reid	ereid@nwmtheadstart.org	Kalispell	No redistricting in Montana.
Walter L Tintinger	wltbutte@gmail.com	Butte Montana	I think districting map number 11 is the best map and is the map that is more like districts from the past.

Janet Whaley	janetw778@gmail.com	Missoula	Map 13 seems to best represent the Western district. Please confirm this one.
Tom O McElwain	tom.mcelwain@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	Please do not split Flathead County to meet Democrat political objectives! If they want to win a seat in congress they should get more in line with Montana voters not the big city voters in Missoula and Bozeman!
George W. Gerard	geowgerard@hotmail.com	Libby, Montana	I favor the Proposed Map CP 10. This is the common sense choice. Kalispell and Bigfork share many common economic and other interests with western Montana. Flathead County should not be split up. Flathead County should be in the Western District along with Lincoln County. This is the common sense choice. Please choose CP 10.
Samantha Nelson	Snelson9@Billingsclinic.org	Billings, MT	I am writing as someone who has lived in the eastern portion of the state for 5 years now. Previously of Richland county and now Yellowstone. I have watched as the incredibly stratified and uncompetitive districts in this State have led to poorer and more dissatisfied residents year in and year out. Austerity measures and widespread divestment from funds for poorer Montanans' have caused those—whom have the means—to leave for greener pastures. However, the Montanan's with the least money and resources—those who cannot afford to—are forced to beg for scraps as all avenues of possible help are taken from them, or placed out of reach. I do not want this for anyone, and I do not want this for Montanans' living in the West. Montanans' in the east have had to struggle—and likely will continue to struggle—under the burden of uncompetitive, Republican leaning districts. I would strongly urge the chairwoman to only consider redistricting maps which offer the most competitiveness. This will lead to better outcomes for all Montanans' and will protect those whom are the most vulnerable in our communities. I would strongly urge the Chairwoman to vote yes on Congressional Proposal 11. A concerned citizen, Samantha Nelson
Nick Blanch	nickblanchmn@gmail.com	Kila, Montana	Good morning. I've looked at the two proposals for redistricting and it only makes sense that the mountain areas of the western part of the state stay together while the eastern plains have their own district. Political machinations aside, a house rep that represents each region of the state in full IS the common sense solution here. The Democrat's map appears to be gerrymandered in favor of gaining a seat without regard to the needs of the people in the given regions. Thank you.
Lemont P Herrin	lherrin58@gmail.com	Helena, MT. 59601	all of your maps are cutting state between east and west. cant you get over the politics and cut the state horizontally or even diagonally with a mix of both reps and dems in each district as long as each has same total number of voters
Albert Niccolucci	niccolucci2@aol.com	Helena, Montana 59601	My Recommendations, (either of these three choices): A. Two statewide districts with the two seats going to the top two vote getters. B. 1. One “gerrymandered” district to elect one representative. 2. One at large district that covers the state C. Complex Districts 1. Indian Reservations Separate 2. A Democratic District based upon voting behavior – so it cuts across county lines and splits counties. 3. A Republican District also based upon voting behavior and it also cuts across county lines and splits counties. The top two vote getters from these complex districts would be elected representatives. Voters live in geographic areas that are limited by borders and countable. But votes are ideological and are trans-border, hence abstract i.e. have fractions. Elections involve citizen representation not party affiliation. I think these methods would allow citizen representation as well as party affiliation to be represented. Thank You Albert Niccolucci



John Turcotte	scapegoat21949@hotmail.com	Billings, Montana	I have been listening to the final work and someone wants to move the KallisPELL area into the Eastern District this is totally political and not what should be done. The people of this area are DEFINITELY in the Western District their issues are the same ones that affect the areas from Idaho to the Canadian border, from western border to the continental divide and moving them into the Eastern District would be a grave disservice to the citizens of this area and not fair for the state as a whole. I ask the commission to not do this change. Regards, John Turcotte
Seaton Scott	jsseaton907@gmail.com	Gardiner, Montana	I want the two districts to be competitive between republicans and democrats. That is, I believe, the essence of democracy.
Paul Policastro	polirosa51@gmail.com	MT	Map 11 does not split communities. Both maps divide one county, but map 10 also SPLITS multiple communities in Gallatin County (especially Big Sky, Bozeman, and Gallatin Gateway). This kind of social and economic separation destroys political consensus and discourages participation. Map11 unites, map 10 divides.
Mallory Phillips	phillips.malloryanne@gmail.com	Whitefish Montana	I am in favor of map 11. It is closer in equal representation between the districts. It also will allow for better representation for the each of the districts, in which it is more competitive and more likely to produce representatives that actually represents its residents.
Steve Van Den Heuvel	vandenheuvels@aol.com	Kalispell	I understanding you are deciding to move Kalispell into the Eastside, I oppose and would prefer to stay on the Westside, people on the Westside share the same common viewpoint vs the Eastside . The Eastside of the Montana State have different geographic and other issues that are different vs the Westside of the continental Divide. Kalispell needs to stay on the Westside of the boundary lines to be better represented based on social and economic issues.
Linda K. Gerard	gerard.lindak@gmail.com	Libby, Montana	I am in support of Proposal 10 - CP 10