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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Claudia Narcisco
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:27:54 PM

From: Claudia Narcisco cdnarcisco@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I support Map 11. It is the only map that is competitive and offers representation for my communities values. Above all else, Democracy needs a competitive district in this rare opportunity for redistricting. Montana's Native communities also support map #11, which would create two competitive districts and give Montana tribes a voice. Learn more and sign on in support via Western Native Voice's petition.

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From: [Larry Nordell](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting proposals
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:29:19 PM

Please support proposal 11 or proposal 13. While not perfect they are far better and more fair than proposal 10 or 12.

Larry Nordell
Helena

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lucretia Olson
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:50:17 PM

From: Lucretia Olson lucretia.o@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula Mt

Message:

It's ridiculous that you let new maps be considered at this late hour. How can anyone be expected to review and comment on these by tomorrow? It's clear from this action that this committee is dishonest and has no intention of transparency or listening to constituents. There's no point in even supporting a map now, it's clear you'll just do what you want. I'm ashamed of this states a of you.

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

From: [Tom Palmer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Congressional Map Proposal
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:16:04 PM

Greetings Commissioners & thank you for your hard work.

This is so important to our state. We want to support—and urge your support—for Map Proposal 11, which will help to sustain healthy debate, competition, and civility in Montana’s elections.

Map 11 looks a lot like the competitive Congressional districts of the 1980s, with only a small adjustment to reach population equality.

It also appears reasonable that locales that now rely on winter recreation are kept in one district. This will require congressional hopefuls to acknowledge a not so new dependence on wintertime economic activity and growth.

It is really good to see that Map 11 recognizes the important connection between Livingston and Bozeman as dollars and labor historically flow between the two communities. Similarly, it is heartening that Map 11 keeps Jefferson, Broadwater and Butte-Silver Bow together with Lewis & Clark. The typically diverse Montana connections are important and will need to be addressed intelligently by every candidate who hopes to represent the needs of the electorate.

Map 11 needs the commission’s support as it keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture is the most vital part the region’s local and state economy. Rural interests, as indicated above, are an important part of Montana's diversity, heritage and values that must be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.

Finally, but no less important, is that Native American voters are recognized by Map 11 as integral citizens with a competitive district with an Indian Reservation, meaning that every candidate has to appeal to, and rely on, Native voters to be competitive in the district. We thank you for this important inclusion in Map 11.

We think it is important—and want to draw the commission’s attention to our observation—that Map 11 splits no towns to ensure perfect population equality between districts.

I Thank you for your work on behalf of all of Montana. Please support and approve Map Proposal 11.

Sincerely,

Tom & Teri Palmer
1913 Flowerree Street
Helena, Montana 59601

palmers79@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David Parsons
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:44:38 PM

From: David Parsons dparsons.mt@gmail.com
Residence: Florence, MT 59833

Message:

I strongly support the idea of having one of the districts competitive. Montana has a long history of bipartisanship and ticket splitting.... rather than blindly following either party. Let's keep at least the opportunity of independents to vote the person and not the party.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mike Paterni
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:53:43 PM

From: Mike Paterni michael.paterni@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I support CP 01. It best adheres to the intent of the guiding laws. The options look to be politically influenced to an unacceptable degree.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David J. Patterson
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:53:45 PM

From: David J. Patterson pattersonandpalffy@yahoo.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I support Proposal 11 for redistributing in MT. The proposal splits one county, but no towns which I support.

Please support Proposal 11!

David J. Patterson

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Toddy Perryman
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:18:04 PM

From: Toddy Perryman tperryman@bitterroot.com
Residence: Corvallis

Message:

My name is Toddy Perryman, and I live in Corvallis, MT. I have lived in the Bitterroot Valley for over 35 years.

I support the adoption of map 11 because it will create a district which allows real competition for one seat. Both major parties can present candidates and will need to advance those candidates with real debates and real policy plans. The map 10 unduly favors the Republican party by creating 2 districts, both of which are not really likely to allow a Democratic politician to win the race. This prevents one party from representing people in this state. It also prevents people from urban areas to have their views represented. This is a significant community of interest that needs representation in a largely rural state.

While map 10 does a better job of including at least 2 tribal areas in each district, it does so at the expense of giving all the voters of the state equal representation opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in my governmental decisions.

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From: [Barbara Phinney](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting for MT
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:56:57 PM

Dear Commission:

My name is Barbara Phinney and I live at 2018 Knaab Dr. in Bozeman.

In following the current redistricting process, my recommendation is for # 11. Many organizations that I trust and respect recommend #11 as the best proposal for not favoring one party over another, not splitting up Bozeman and painting an equal population between two districts. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE be apolitical and fair.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this most important process.

Best regards,

Barbara W Phinney

From: [Karen W Porter](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Proposal Choice
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:35:41 PM

Dear Commissioners

Having just become aware of the two additional maps being proposed, I feel a bit unprepared to be wholly conversant with them in the remaining time before tomorrow's commission meeting. However, I originally chose Map 11, entirely because of the essential element of competitiveness, which I feel very strongly about. Being "competitive" here means that a district has an approximately equal chance for opposing candidates to win, based on a candidate's effectiveness and their espoused policies. Competitive also means that races will better engage the voters and have higher voter turnout.

Thank you for the work you continue to do.

Sincerely,
Karen W. Porter
147 Prairie Drive
Butte, MT 59701
404-498-9728

From: [VICTORIA PORTER](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:55:05 PM

Please approve the Consensus 10-11 Map which keeps Park County as one entity, allows Gallatin County to be split, includes Flathead County, and Includes two Native American Reservations.

This map isn't perfect but it is better than the alternative.

Emily Victoria Porter
PO Box 783, Red Lodge, MT 59068
523 Hauser Ave N, Red Lodge, MT 59068

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rachel Potter
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:55:56 PM

From: Rachel Potter jrepotter@centurytel.net
Residence: Columbia Falls, MT

Message:

I am disturbed that last minute changes have been made to our options. For that reason, only the 10/11 Consensus Map is a legitimate option, merging the two maps that were last put forth. The Pondera Split will not provide any competitive district and will disenfranchise many thousands of Montanans from the political process. It will result in ever more extreme politics in our state.

I have been a resident of Flathead County for 45 years.

Thank you,

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Donovan Power
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:47:12 PM

From: Donovan Power spearski@hotmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Donovan Power. I live in Missoula, Montana. I was born in the Bitterroot Valley, raised in Missoula, and attended the University of Montana for undergrad and the University of Washington for my Master's degree in geology. I have a ten month old daughter that will be raised in Missoula.

I support map CP 11. CP11 comes the closest to meeting the different criteria that you have been tasked to follow. It does this, first and foremost, by keeping the two State University communities together. It is enhanced by allowing Gallatin County to vote as a whole county which will help to make the map as competitive as possible. Clearly you had to split one county to balance the population of the maps, and this split keeps similar demographics together. Whitefish stays in the west while Kalispell goes to the east. In this manner, it makes more sense to split Flathead County than Gallatin County.

Map CP10 breaks apart Gallatin County and the city of Bozeman. I realize that you will likely have to break apart one county to reach your population constraints. However, breaking apart Gallatin County separates a large voting population associated with one of the two State Universities. Those populations should be kept together so that their House representative can advocate for the State University systems. Having strong universities is one of the only ways that Montana will be able to compete to keep those, like me, that were born and raised in Montana. It is also one of the only ways that you can either lure back Montana residents that left to either gain experience or become more educated themselves. Without strong Universities, and the communities that are associated with them, the "brain drain" will continue to lure our best and brightest to other parts of the country. Help ensure the strength of our Universities and their communities by not splitting them, or their associated communities, as you have done in map CP10.

Thank you for allowing me to have my voice heard in these proceedings. You are tasked with the impossible since any line that is drawn will certainly be seen by one group or another as gerrymandering. My hope is that my ten month old daughter will be able to have someone from Montana in the House that actually represents her point of view (whatever that will be!). I was not able to vote until the late 90s and, by that time, Montana was down to one Representative in the House. Pat Williams retired right when I was eligible to vote, and since that time, I have not been able to elect a single person that represented me or my family.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: James Pritchard
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:52:40 PM

From: James Pritchard jamespritchard12@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Thanks for your work .

Map CP-11 is preferable, keeping the whole of Gallatin County in one district.

It seems silly to have the Gallatin County Elections Office mailing out 3 different ballot types.

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From: [Linda Remmick](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:54:06 PM

My name is Linda Remmick. I live in Joliet MT. I vote for #11. I don't think Bozeman MT should be divided. Thank you for your time.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kirsten Renander
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:53:38 PM

From: Kirsten Renander kiki@kikiglass.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

Hello! I am a lifetime resident of Montana and have lived on both sides of the Divide. I love it here and want to see these districts fairly created.

I support Map 11 as a more fair example of dividing the state and not splitting actual communities. Map 11 creates competitive districts and is does not divide Indian Reservations. I believe it divides the state fairly, both politically and culturally.

Map 10 splits literal communities in half in a politically advantageous way, which I think is another way of saying Gerrymandering. I implore the committee to rise above that despite it perhaps being to your personal political advantage.

Thanks so much for your time and efforts to create fair districting!

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

From: [Laurel Rhodes](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments supporting Congressional Proposal Map 11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:26:39 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Map 11 does the best job of providing a competitive electoral framework, with even population numbers, while keeping communities together.

Thank you.
Laurel Rhodes

From: [Wendy Riley](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes to Map 11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:39:16 PM

Thank you for your work on redistricting. This is not an easy task.

I want to express my support for Map 11. In comparing Maps 10 and 11, it's clear that Map 11 would allow for the most fair representation of all Montanans. Map 10 appears to be quite gerrymandered and would dis-enfranchise a significant number of citizens.

Map 11 keeps Gallatin County together, which makes imminent sense. In addition, Park County is included which I feel is necessary. Gallatin and Park Counties have a lot in common, with many Park County residents shopping, doing business, and attending cultural events in Gallatin, and Gallatin workers residing in Park County because of the lower cost, as well as doing business in Park County primarily related to the Yellowstone River and other recreation. We also share management of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, so work with agencies and NGOs in both Counties, the State, and at the Federal level to accomplish common goals.

It is also important to me that our indigenous communities feel they have representation, and Western Native Voice prefers Map 11.

Please do not implement Map 10. That would be a huge mistake.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Wendy Riley
145 Hercules Rd/566
Emigrant, MT
59027

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark J Robison
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:16:09 PM

From: Mark J Robison markrobison1999@gmail.com
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Regarding the proposal of dividing Flathead County into to regions, I would like to recommend this NOT be done. I see only disadvantages to dividing Flathead County and believe it would be a mistake to do so.

Mark J Robison

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: barbara ross
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:08:30 PM

From: barbara ross bjmross@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:
i vote for MAP 11

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ruth Rudner-Muench
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:29:09 PM

From: Ruth Rudner-Muench ruthrudner@aol.com
Residence: Harrison

Message:

My name is Ruth Rudner. I am a writer, living in Harrison, where I've put most of my 70 acres into a conservation easement. I've lived in MT since the early 1980s.

I support Map 11, which seems to me the only map meeting the necessary criteria. It best keeps communities of interest intact; minimizes the splitting of counties & towns, & does not unduly favor a political party, all of which seem to me vital.

Map 10 splits Gallatin County, which I do not think is a good idea.

I very much appreciate the Commission for the time spent reviewing my comment, and, in fact, all the comments presented.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bill Rule
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:38:06 PM

From: Bill Rule wm.r.rule@gmail.com

Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I prefer CP11 as CP10 is clearly an effort to neutralize Lewis and Clark and Gallatin Counties' progressive vote.

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

From: [J Douglas Sangster](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:09:29 PM

Sirs,

For the umrteenth time - FORGET EQUAL POPULATION!!! The western district's growth rate will guarantee that that district will have a much larger population by 2030. If you allow the western district to have a bit smaller (by 2-4%) population now, your job becomes simple, non-controversial, balanced, etc., etc!!! The resulting districts will look a lot like the old districts when MT had 2 reps. Within 5 years, the populations will balance.

The eastern district will be Republican, while the western will be competitive, but leaning R.

KEEP IT SIMPLE AND STOP WASTING OUR TIME AND MONEY!!!

James Douglas Sangster
Bozeman, MT

From: [Norma Scheidecker](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:57:54 PM

I support the Consensus 10-11 map which keeps Park County as one entity, allows Gallatin County to be split, includes Flathead County in the map as a concession on Kalispell, and includes two Native American Reservations.

Norma Scheidecker

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary Schelle
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:03:29 PM

From: Mary Schelle maryschelle@gmail.com
Residence: Billings MT

Message:

I have submitted comments previously. I would be in favor to the latest map # 10/11 submitted by the Democrats as being the most competitive.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marianne Schomaker
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:19:19 PM

From: Marianne Schomaker mare_scho@yahoo.com

Residence: Helena

Message:

As a resident of Lewis and Clark county and a democrat I believe map 11 is the fairest approach to the redistricting in Montana.

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October 29, 2021

Congressional Redistricting Committee – Montana State Capitol
1031 E. 6th Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Re: Montana Congressional Redistricting

Dear Montana Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you for your due diligence in pursuing districts that allow Representatives to fairly and effectively represent all Montanans...in all our shapes and sizes. This enormous endeavor will impact us for the next decade, and we—myself and many in our community—appreciate you listening to our voices, discarding iterations that weren't working or hinted at gerrymandering, and fine-tuning what is working. I trust you will ultimately land on a just district map—one that permits both Representatives to hear and understand their communities and represent them to the best of their ability so we can continue to thrive in this beautiful state.

It is my hope that each of you makes your decision at the top of your intelligence and from the bottom of your heart. I hope you logically and intuitively keep communities together in natural ways to create balance—such as by geography or types of businesses that fuel a region. Ultimately there will be diversity in ideology, culture, industry and other needs, but this will force and motivate Reps to hear all constituents and legislate moderately rather than to any extreme. By this same token, I hope you choose not to be swayed by partisanship or outside pressures that do not support fair districting. Our state will benefit by avoiding extremes, while forcing a partisan outcome will divide. And we want unity—the kind that comes when communities collaborate, finding mutual ground and strengths, like you are doing now.

To me, it is clear that maps 10 and 11 are close but not quite there. It's nice that both districts border Canada and are split near the Continental Divide. However, **I implore you to create a map to:**

1) Keep counties in the same district rather than splitting them. Please keep Flathead and Missoula in the West and Gallatin with Yellowstone in the East. This should allow you to keep populations equal as required as well.

2) Give the voices of the tribes a chance. Put two tribes on the West and three on the East. This more even split forces the Representatives to listen to them, as with any minority. Their voices have more impact. And it'll be geographically more efficient for the Representatives.

3) Please be sincere when you choose rather than folding to partisan or other pressures that don't belong in the process.

Again, thank you for listening and representing us fairly.

With kind regards,
Nicole Schubert
Author, happy Flathead Valley resident, mom
nicolejschubert18@gmail.com
nicoleschubertwrites.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andrew Scott
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:59:40 PM

From: Andrew Scott scottamt67@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston, MT

Message:

I've studied the various maps closely, and the final two extensively. I favor map no. 11 and believe it would be a terrible mistake to choose map no. 10. There are many reasons to keep Park and Gallatin counties in the same district. As a Livingston resident, I know well the close ties between my community and the Bozeman area. Those ties go both ways; literally thousands of residents of one community work, shop, recreate and participate socially and economically every day in the other, and vice versa.

Equally important is electoral competitiveness. Democracy is better served when competing ideologies are required to persuade voters of their respective policies and beliefs. Map no. 10 would leave all voters at a disadvantage in that regard, and contribute to the troubling social and institutional decay threatening our country, a situation that can only be amplified by choosing that blatantly gerrymandered configuration.

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From: [Avery Seefeldt](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:09:40 PM

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Avery Seefeldt, 545 2nd Ave W, Kalispell MT 59901

406-270-7891, averyseefeldt@gmail.com

From: [Corinne Selby](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support redistricting proposal 11 or proposal 13
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:39:04 PM

To Honorable Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I am writing to urge you in the strongest possible terms to support either redistricting proposal 11 or proposal 13, and oppose redistricting proposal 10 and proposal 12. Options 11 and 13 are the fairer of the four remaining options and would best ensure proper representation of Montanans in Congress.

Thank you for the opportunity and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Corinne Selby
709 S 6th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-587-4007

From: [Sharon](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for map #13 (thirteen)
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:56:32 PM

I am writing to express my support for map # 13.

I am a resident of Beaverhead Co. I have lived here since 1980.

Please don't make this a lopsided, gerrymandering exercise, because if you do the people will eventually rise up!

I am a 76 year old Navy Veteran with 28 years of service.

Please return equality to our country and state, Democracy can only prevail with the right to vote! We openly watch as other states suppress the voting rights and I'm appalled and angered to see this happening to my country! This is not what I wanted to pass on to my grandchildren or the succeeding generation. Please support #13!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: PAULA L. SMITH AND ROBERT E. SMITH, JR.
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:29:57 PM

From: PAULA L. SMITH AND ROBERT E. SMITH, JR. paulabobsmithmt@gmail.com
Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

We have just learned of two new map proposals submitted by redistricting commissioners: Map 10/11 and Map Pondera Split. A cursory review of each allows us to recommend the adoption of Map 10/11 as achieving most of the criteria and goals of the process. Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to this process. Paula L. and Robert E. Smith, Jr.

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To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support redistricting proposal 11 or proposal 13
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:48:22 PM

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Respectfully,

Thompson Smith
53950 Marsh Creek Rd
Charlo, MT 59824
406-396-5479

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sheri Sprigg
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:14:44 PM

From: Sheri Sprigg sksprigg@aol.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

I urge the Commission to adopt CP 11. This map is much fairer, and keeps counties together that have similar interests — whether agricultural or urban. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Daurine Spritzer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:15:12 PM

Hello -- I would like to request that the option #11 for the new Congressional District for the State of Montana be selected. This option seems to provide the best assignment of electors for the entire state and not just so that one political party can rule the entire state.

Daurine Spritzer
Missoula, MT 59808

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: June Sprout
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:09:14 PM

From: June Sprout jasmt111@gmail.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

My name is June Sprout. I currently live in Great Falls, MT. My husband and I and my extended family members are active in any and all year-round outdoor activities that Montana makes available including camping in its public lands and parks; hiking, backpacking, and snowshoeing its public access spaces; and kayaking and fishing on its lakes and rivers.

I strongly support map 11. It is the only map that meets the Commission's commitments. Politics is cyclical and can and will change. This is the map that will not favor one political party, will minimize splitting counties, towns, and reservations, and will keep communities with common social and economic traits intact.

I DO NOT support map 10 which splits Gallatin County right down the middle. This map goes against the Commission's commitment to keep communities intact. Our districts must give all Montanans a fair chance to elect leaders who share the value of public lands. There must be positive economic, political, and social effects of the districting process, and map 10 does not do that.

I thank you for the work of the Commission and for reviewing my comments.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Proposal
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:11:24 PM

To Honorable Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I am writing to urge you in the strongest possible terms to support either redistricting proposal 11 or proposal 13, and oppose redistricting proposal 10 and proposal 12. Options 11 and 13 are the fairer of the four remaining options and would best ensure proper representation of Montanans in Congress.

Thank you for the opportunity and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Karin Stallard
Charlo, MT

From: Jsteitz@Montanasky.net
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:22:08 PM

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Steitz
54 Badger Ln
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-270-4768



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To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for re-districting Proposal #11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:13:08 PM

To Members of Montana's Districting and Apportionment Commission

I understand that you are willing to consider the opinions and choices of the electorate when you select the redistricting proposal for Montana's western congressional districting. I have examined the different proposals; and I believe that redistricting Proposal # 11 is the most fair of the options that have been presented. Please support Proposal #11. Thanks you very much for considering voters' thoughts.

Sincerely, Deirdre Swanson
533 Keith Avenue
Missoula, MT59801

From: [Mark Thane](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 13
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:52:42 PM

Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

Thank you for your diligence as you continue to draw the new congressional districts for Montana. Your efforts are appreciated.

I provided in-person testimony during the October 19th commission meeting in Helena. The testimony I provided then is still largely applicable today as I consider the two new maps which have been drafted.

On October 19th you heard the words "competitive", "fairness" and "gerrymander" frequently from those providing testimony. The implication was that it was not appropriate to consider as criterion districts which did not "unduly favor" either major political party. I believe; however, it is imperative for the commission to do just that. We can acknowledge that the demographics and recent voting patterns in Montana make it impossible to create two districts, neither of which unduly favors a political party. The commission does; however, have the capacity to make certain that one of the newly created districts does not unduly favor either party.

The new map presented today, map #13, has my support. It follows the historic east/west division which long-time Montanans will find familiar. It keeps those communities which have historically been in the western district - Kalispell, Missoula, Butte, Helena and Bozeman - in the western district. It also includes two reservations, the Flathead and Blackfeet Nations, wholly within the west. It provides for equal population distribution between the districts. Further, it appears to respect county lines and city boundaries.

I recognize the significant work you have done to get to these two most recent maps and the concessions made in order to draft them and I applaud your efforts. I urge the commission to unite behind map #13 as being the most favorable alternative.

Thank you,

Mark

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Representative Mark Thane
House District 99
P.O. Box 692
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From: [Anne Thoreson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Select Proposal 11. Keep Montana fair and honest.
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:03:23 PM

As a long time Montana resident I favor Proposal 11 and urge you to do the same.
Keep Montana fair and honest. Anne Thoreson. Bozeman, MT 406-570-3294

From: [Brad Tschida](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Maps
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:17:56 PM

As a last minute issue has arisen, I will be unable to attend in person, as originally planned. Neither will accessing Zoom be a likely possibility. Consequently, my comments and recommendations are included below.

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The good news is that Maps 2 through 9, except 7, are off the table. **This leaves us with 7, 10, and 11** and, possibly 1

Maps 10 and 11 seem to be negotiating positions rather than serious maps. **The only serious map is 7 which turns out to be a compromise between 10 and 11.**

Start with Map 11 and move Flathead to the west, Park and Gallatin to the east. Maybe split Gallatin.

Start with Map 10 and move Glacier and Pondera to the east, and L&C and Broadwater to the west. Maybe split Gallatin.

Lo and behold, the result of each compromise is Map 7, a reasonable compromise.

If neither of these options is selected, Map CP-1 should be selected, as it best conforms to the legal (MT Constitution and MCA) requirements as well asnd federal requirements.

A map that attempts to move Kalispell and parts of Flathead County out of the West and into the Eastern district is clearly an illegal / unethical effort to prevent our two Republican candidates from participating in the election for the 2nd seat assigned to Montana.

Rather than make this a matter to be decided by the courts, or to have to come back to resolve this as a committee, please select a map that comports with laws rather than one that does not. Map 1 or 7 are the two best options.

Respectfully,

Rep. Brad Tschida

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From: mc.pahlen
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support redistricting proposal 11 or proposal 13
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:08:17 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Maria C von der Pahlen
33529 Twin Creeks Way
Ronan, MT 59864

From: [Susan W.](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:51:13 PM

Hello - I just wanted to let you know that I'm a Carbon County resident in favor of the Democratic compromise, Consensus 10-11 map.

Thank you,
Susan I Wadsworth
415 Hauser Av South
Red Lodge 59068

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lynn Walker
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:29:48 PM

From: Lynn Walker seaturtle725@gmail.com
Residence: Bigfork, Montana

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

I am emailing today to comment on the two proposed maps that are being considered in the redistricting process.

I like Map 10. I live in the Flathead Valley, and want to keep this area in the Western District. I believe it is important to keep the communities of interest together that include the tourism & service industries and the ski tourism economy. Keeping the Logan Medical Center communities of Whitefish and Kalispell together is important as well since these areas provide medical services for the entire NW Region, including the Blackfeet Reservation. I also like Map 10 because it complies with Montana Law and the Constitution. Both districts would be compact, contiguous, and are nearly equal in population.

I do not like Map 11, because it splits a county west of the Continental Divide (Flathead) & will put it in the Eastern District. Map 11 does not keep communities of interest intact, and it is not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel vast distances to campaign in the Eastern District. I believe it is also a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Walker

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From: [Greg Walker](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting in Montana
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:13:39 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to comment on the two proposed maps that are being considered in the redistricting process.

I like Map 10. It keeps Flathead County intact, and keeps communities of interest in the West that are predominately forest production and tourism together. It also ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water. Map 10 complies with Montana Law and the Constitution. Both districts would be compact, contiguous, and are nearly equal in population.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Walker

From: [Lynn Walker](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:07:11 PM

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am emailing today to comment on the two proposed maps that are being considered in the redistricting process.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Walker

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rebecca Warren
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:48:01 PM

From: Rebecca Warren rebeccawarren170@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

Please choose CP11.

Our state is almost 1/2 Democrats, and if CP 10 is chosen, we will surely end up with two Republican representatives. If CP11 is chosen, Republican may still win both seats. However, Montana's many Democrats will at least have a chance at national representation. Thank you for your hard work!

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From: [Ruth Weissman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting and Apportionment Commission
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:30:17 PM

Dear Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I respectfully ask that you adopt Proposal 11 and reject Proposal 10. I consider Proposal 10 unfair and, therefore not suitable.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback.

Sincerely,

Ruth Striegel Weissman, PhD
173 Mill Creek East Fork Rd.
Livingston

From: [Keaton Sunchild](#)
To: dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov
Cc: [Ronnie Jo Horse](#); [Ta"jin Perez](#); [Tracie Moss](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission: Tribal Support for CP11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:41:51 PM
Attachments: [MDAC Tribal Sign On Letter - CP 11 10 29.pdf](#)
[Tribal Cover Letter.docx](#)

Good afternoon Commission,

My name is Keaton Sunchild and I am the Political Director of Western Native Voice. We have worked closely with our tribal leadership the past few months on redistricting efforts.

While tribes were disappointed that other maps were not chosen, after careful deliberation they have decided to support CP11.

Attached you will find a cover letter and letter of support from several tribes across Montana. On behalf of Western Native Voice and our tribal allies, we thank you for your efforts to support Montana for the next decade.

Best,

Keaton Sunchild, WNV

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Keaton Sunchild

Political Director Western Native Voice

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Chair and Members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Attached are two separate letters, one from Montana tribes and the other from the public, to the Commission in support of CP 11. We engaged tribal governments and people across Montana, Native and non-Native alike in this effort. Admittedly, we have not been thrilled with these supposed final maps because neither put multiple Tribal nations in a competitive district, yet we chose to engage in good faith. As such, we moved forward supporting CP 11 because it adhered to our driving principles: the most Tribal nations in the most competitive district.

At the 11th hour, we were made aware that both Republican and Democratic commissioners have submitted 1 additional map each. We are pleased to see these maps include multiple Tribal nations in them, the Blackfeet and CSKT. We were not pleased, however, that the Republican commissioners proposed a non-competitive map. Competitiveness with a Tribal nation in the competitive district remains the top priority for us and Tribal nations so Native voters have a fair chance to have our voices heard and considered. We support the map proposed by the Democratic commissioners that has multiple Tribal nations and is competitive. CP 11 would be the second choice among all of the maps presented. In this short timeframe we have been unable to get tribes to comment on these new maps but note that the Democratic map is close to CP 4, which multiple tribal nations have supported in the past. Again, our core principles are simple: the most Tribal nations in the most competitive map.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Our organization and the undersigned Tribal Nation governments are disappointed that the Commission could not move forward with a Congressional map that included a competitive district with at least two Tribal Nations within it, particularly CP 4. Given that there are now only two maps under consideration by the Commission, we collectively choose between less than ideal Congressional maps. The maps under consideration both CP 10 and CP 11 do not include a competitive district with at least two Tribal Nations within its boundaries. These decisions are frustrating because Tribes have struggled for generations to be respected and have the voices of their people heard. We collectively support any chance to have CP 4 reintroduced and given consideration.

The reality, however, cannot be ignored that both maps have, at this time, been selected for serious consideration.

CP 10 is problematic to our organization and the undersigned Tribal Nation governments because it attempts to pander to Tribal interests related to the community of interest standards. The fact is, however, that both districts in CP 10 are uncompetitive. Two districts with multiple Tribes in each mean nothing if both give an undue advantage to one party over another. Our organization has made it very clear that competitive districts are healthy for a strong representative democracy. The faith that voters have in the electoral system hinges on guaranteeing that their votes count and their votes have weight. Districts that have undue favoritism to any party threaten to have a chilling effect on voter engagement. The effect is why we are strongly in support of competitive districts.

The second map, CP 11, is not perfect. However, this map is the best map possible given the bounds and feedback from the Commission. As detailed above, Tribal representation is nothing without also being in a competitive district. Our organization, and the undersigned Tribal Nation governments, agree that competitive representation is beneficial for Tribes and see CP 11 as the best map of the two finalists.

Once again, competitiveness and Tribal representation are equally important. We do not support a map that is void of at least one competitive district, regardless of how many Tribal Nations are in each district. Therefore, we urge the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission to adopt CP 11 as the final Congressional map for Montana.



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Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie Jo Horse
Executive Director
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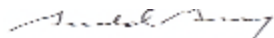
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From: [Mildred Whalen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Commission Proposal 11 for redistricting in Montana
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:36:17 PM

I support Commission Proposal 11 for redistricting in Montana. I support it for the following reasons.

1. CP-11 closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
2. CP-11 keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
3. CP-11 keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
4. CP-11 keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress. CP-10 dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers.
5. Native voters are empowered under CP-11, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.

Thank you for considering my views.

Mildred Whalen

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debra F Wilke
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:30:20 PM

From: Debra F Wilke debwilke@cyberport.net
Residence: Kalispell Montana

Message:
I'm preferring the 10/11 map. Thank you.

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From: [Deborah Wilson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:44:26 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

The two newly proposed maps 9CP-10 and CP-11 do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. They are based on carving out specific party districts and are not following 5-1-115 (MCA). Please throw these two maps out.

Please do not split any counties. I insist that you bring back Map CP-1 which does follow the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah M. Wilson
P O Box 399
Kila, Montana 59920
440 813 2122
dmwilson@acwei.com

From: [Written In Stone](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:28:34 PM

Please vote in favor of plan #13 as it appears to be the most fair proposal for all Montanans.

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"I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process." - Vincent Van Gogh

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kelly Yarns
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:33:11 PM

From: Kelly Yarns kellyyarns@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Kelly Yarns and I have lived in western Montana for the past 18 years, the past 10 in Missoula. I have deep roots in the mountain west having been born and raised in Wyoming.

I support adopting map CP 11 because it more fairly represents Montana. It keeps the districts competitive, splits fewer counties and communities of interest.

I oppose adopting map CP 10 because it fails to meet the criteria laid out for these new Congressional districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Message from eaglebone@hotmail.com
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:01:38 PM

From: no-reply@snapengage.com <no-reply@snapengage.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:00 PM
To: Montana Webmaster <webadmin@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Message from eaglebone@hotmail.com

Website Visitor Request

Requester email: eaglebone@hotmail.com
Description: Congressional redistricting. I support Map 11 to return our 2 legislative districts to the way they were when we had 2 U.S. Congressmen. I have lived in Montana for the past 43 years and have voted every election.
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Location: Kalispell, MT, United States
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To: Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
[Districting](mailto:Districting@mtleg.gov); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Proposal Map 13
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:41:37 PM

Please support Congressional Proposal Map 13.

I am a Tribal Montana Citizen living on the Flathead Reservation in Lake County in Western Montana.

It is crucial to provide proper representation and equitable representation when determining the outcome of this new Congressional district.

It is even more crucial to provide more representation for Montana's marginalized communities. Montana Tribal communities have been faced with extreme voter disenfranchisement and suppression to vote since we first became citizens in 1925. It wasn't until 1965 that guaranteed our right to vote in the Voting Rights Act.

Elections are meant for competition. Aligning one political party to have more leverage or an upper hand in federal elections is not democratic and would further a stronghold of a republican led government.

To ensure that democracy is upheld please support Congressional Proposal Map 13

Thank you

Patrick Yawakie

Co-Founder Red Medicine LLC
Co-Founder People's Food Sovereignty Program

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From: [Eleanor YellowRobe](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Testimony
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:03:53 PM
Attachments: [Testimony.pdf](#)

Hello,

Enclosed please find my signed testimony. if you have any questions please let me know, as I can be reached at the number below or at this email.

Respectfully,

Eleanor YellowRobe
406-945-1479

October 29, 2021

Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing to urge the commission to support a congressional redistricting plan that supports and ensures competitive voting districts for all Montanans. As an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Tribe of Fort Belknap and a Montanan, I believe that CP11 is a plan that can best represent the two worlds in which I live in as a citizen of the United States, Montana, and the two reservations in which I call home, Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy, Montana.

In my review of this plan, I feel it does not unduly favor any political party because it establishes truly competitive districts. This plan would create more communication channels between Washington and Native American tribes, and firmly upholds the Voting Rights Act by placing more than one Tribal Nation within a competitive district. The plan would ensure that candidates need to work for the confidence and votes of the Indigenous people of Montana. By having at least two reservation communities within a competitive district, it will ensure that Tribal governments can have a more powerful government-to-government relationship with our next Congressperson.

Decision makers must seize this opportunity and ensure political equality and fair access to voting for all Montanans.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion and present my position on this important moment in Montana's political history.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Yellow Robe

From: [Lewis Zanto](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of MT
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:53:28 PM

You have got to be misled to believe that either CP-10 or CP-11 will be accepted by the people of MT. Both are terrible attempts to gerrymander a a district and neither comply with MT statutes or constitutional requirements.

Please do your job and select map CP-1; don't throw this decision into the court.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lewis Zanto
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Great Falls, MT 59405
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kate Zoellner
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:05:11 PM

From: Kate Zoellner katezoellner@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:
I support map 11.

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