

# Public Comments: K - M

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Map 11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:07:39 PM

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Hello!

Thank you for your work on the redistricting maps. After considering the remaining options, I believe Map 11 to be the best choice for a fair election and engaged, responsive representation in Montana.

Kari Kaiser  
Billings, Montana

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional District maps  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:50:30 AM

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Dear Redistricting Commissioners-

Thank you for all your hard work that has gone into narrowing down the district maps. I would like to contribute my two cents to the conversation. I support CP #11 as the superior map. It is the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party over another and it is within the competitive parameters. Please choose this map.

Thank you,  
Marcia Kaveney  
1496 Boylan Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715

**From:** [Nancy Keenan](#)  
**To:** [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov)  
**Cc:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting comments  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:02:21 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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>>> Thank you for providing Montanan's the opportunity to comment on the final selection of the two congressional districts. As I have written before, the utmost priority of your work is to make the districts competitive. There should be no advantage to one political party or the other, but a fair competitive opportunity for both. We Montanan's value fairness and equity and Proposal 11 meets that criteria.

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>>> I strongly urge you to adopt Proposal 11 as it splits only one county and no towns and ensures population equality between districts. We are a very large state geographically and although it is difficult to find the "perfect" solution, Proposal 11 at least assures both fairness and equity and continuity of towns.

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>>> Thank you all for your work and commitment to a fair chance for both parties/candidates to make their case to the voters of Montana.

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>>> Respectfully,

>>> Nancy Keenan

>>> Bonner, MT

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support Map 11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:38:11 AM

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Hello,

Please support Map 11 which ensures competitive districts. Democracy is about bringing forward good ideas and candidates to the people and letting the people decide.

If voting districts are locked in so that one party always wins and controls, the majority party will put forth more extreme candidates and the minority party will have a difficult time getting anyone to run. Democracy is about the people choosing, not the leaders of a majority party. Further there will be less incentive for communities to discuss controversial ideas and hammer our compromises.

Montana needs balance. Map 11 provides balance.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kelling  
2006 McKay Lane  
Billings, MT 59102

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jim Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:25:10 PM

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Will this may not be ideal I prefer you seek commonality, not only in population but also life styles and economics.

Don't like the idea of placing a single Indian Reservation in the Western District versus 3 Reservations in the Eastern District. **Recommend placing Glacier and all of Flathead in Western District . . . Pondera County goes East**

May not be so, but appears Commission may have split Flathead County along partisan lines. It will be a bone of contention for many. **Recommend using Continental Divide as a natural division between East and West.**

Tourism – Glacier National Parks in Eastern District? How do you justify this?

Universities – both in Western District. Student census data was developed on basis of where they live, not where they go to school. **Recommend splitting between Eastern District and Western District.**

Gallatin County split? Mostly ranching/agriculture in western portion . . . fits Eastern life and economics. **Recommend Gallatin County be kept intact to offset split in Flathead.**

Population split - Appreciate the effort to keep population balanced. While ideal, it may not be practical as growth will be continual and people are constantly moving back and forth... north and south/east and west, residing in one place, voting in another.

Respectfully,

*Jim Kelly*

Jim Kelly  
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I am writing in support of Proposal 11 so equal opportunity is afforded to all Montana voters.

Thank you so much!

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**From:** [Virginia Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP11 is the better choice  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:44:27 PM

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CP11 is the better choice of the two maps under consideration by the redistricting committee. While unfortunate, I understand it is necessary to split a county to gain nearly equal populations in the two congressional districts.

CP 10 is not the preferred choice because it splits a town, Bozeman. CP 11 splits a county, but seems to keep the towns more intact than CP 10. CP 11 keeps Kalispell, Columbia Falls and Whitefish more intact, even if in separate districts.

Thank you for your work on this committee.

Virginia Kelly  
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To: Districting and Apportionment Commission

After reviewing Proposals 10 and 11, I strongly support Proposal 11.

Proposal 11 follows historic precedent of the 1980's Congressional districts. Only two counties are moved to reach population equality while maintaining economic connections and empowering indigenous voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Rick Kerr  
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Choteau, MT 59422

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laura Keyser  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:43:18 PM

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From: Laura Keyser lrashid@charter.net  
Residence: Kalispell, MT 59901

Message:

Keep Flathead County whole!!! Keep the University of Montana with Western Montana where it is located and keep Montana Sate with Eastern Montana where it is located!!

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laura Keyser (Rashid)  
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From: Laura Keyser (Rashid) [bugs@completepest.net](mailto:bugs@completepest.net)  
Residence: NW Montana

Message:

Keep Flathead County whole! Keep the University of Montana with Western Montana where it is located and Montana State with Eastern Montana where it is located.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Resident Supporting CP11 Redistricting Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:36:16 PM

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Greetings Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing as a resident of Bozeman, Montana to voice my support for the CP#11 redistricting map. I hope that you take mine and others' comments under consideration in your decision. The redistricting process should strive to create competitive districts that do not unduly favor one political party over another. Politically competitive districts are fundamental for a free and fair democracy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best wishes,  
Nick

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**From:** [Robert Kiesling](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] districting MAP  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:34:55 PM

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Republican and Democratic commissioners alike say they agree on — producing a map that is not “drawn to unduly favor a political party.”

In fact however, of the two maps that the public has been given to choose between, apparently both of them *unduly favor a political party*. If that weren't true, and the parties could agree on what was fair and neutral, there would be only one map.

Since either choice we citizens favor would then saddle us with districts "unduly favorable to a political party", we're stuck with a Hobson's choice. At least for another decade.

And since there's no other choice but to pick **one**, I'll weigh in on behalf of Map 11.

Partisan politics in Montana have become the most mean-spirited, vitriolic and dysfunctional exercises I've seen in my lifetime as a native.

In the simplest of terms, I favor Map 11 over Map 10 because it holds only a *slightly* greater chance to at least balance out the insufferable and never-resolved issue of Approximate Party Parity in the State. We need that, and if we don't get a Districting map that reflects that, we are doomed to destabilized politics for years to come.

If you vote for Map 10, you are committing to a future of assuredly Republican party outcomes. And if you do that, you are abandoning a long-standing behavior of Montanans to keep our politics out of the gutter of partisanship by creating districts that serve Debate over One Party Rule..... where open and honest debate gets preferred over one-party dominance that is usually proven wrong over a short period of political time.

Let's try to adopt a Map that has the best chance of “continuing a conversation in our electoral politics” rather than handing the control to any party intent on forcing its agenda onto all of us. Map 11 accommodates this view. Map 10 instead seeks an electoral dominance by one party that **does not reflect who we are as Montanans and most certainly does not reflect our State History as we have long been, ie. Purple enough to recognize the importance of NEVER turning over our reins to just one party** (which Map 10 would do.)

Let's protect Montana's historical *rugged individualism* by adopting Map 11. That important value gets jettisoned by adopting #10.

Hopefully submitted,

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Sweetwater Ranch Properties: R.E. Broker

Outlandish: Conservation Consulting  
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“Humankind is challenged, as it has never been before, to prove its maturity and its mastery—  
not of nature, but of itself.”

Rachel Carson 1962

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In favor of CP #11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:35:50 PM

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The only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party

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*Commissioners , I have lived and voted in the Swan Valley, Lake County for 40+ years. I urge you all to support map CP #11, the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party. Montana has a history of fair elections , let's keep it that way! Thank you*

*Kathy Kinzfogl*



**From:** [Barbara knebel](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps comment  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:53:02 AM

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Map CP 11 is the only one of the 2 that best fits your own requirements.

Barbara Knebel, Clancy

**From:** [eric knutson](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:23:34 AM

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Democrats are trying to steal new Montana congressional district.

Today is Oct 28, 2021, and this appeared in the opinion section of today's Daily Interlake newspaper.

Democrats are trying to steal new congressional district, by Al Olszewski

Because of failed socialist policies, radically left leaning states like California and New York lost congressional districts which were given to conservative states like Montana and Florida. Democrats know they will lose the U.S. House majority in 2022, so gerrymandering is their only hope at keeping Nancy Pelosi in power.

Montana law is clear on how lines for our new congressional district should be drawn, Unfortunately, the Democrat majority on Montana's redistricting commission made it clear from day one that they have no intention of following our Montana law. They are trying to gerrymander a western congressional district which is a safe seat for Democrats.

Unfortunately for them, Montana has become a state with solid conservative values. In 2020, voters rejected the radical policies of Montana Democrats by wide margins. Montana Democrats know they have only one solution that will dismiss the will of the Montana people.


Democrats have made it clear that they intend to exclude the two Republican candidates for Montana's new western district from this race. Voting for a gerrymandered map that excludes Flathead County from the western district will do nothing more than ensure a costly, drawn out court battle that will result in the commission having to go back and do the job it should have done in the beginning.

Montanans need to stand up and have their voices heard by the three Democrat redistricting commissioners. Flathead County is as western Montana as Missoula County. Stop trying to steal the western district by putting the Flathead County in the eastern congressional district. Excluding all two of the Republican candidates running in the new western district by placing their homes in Flathead County into the eastern congressional district is not only un-American, it violates Montanans' sense of fairness and philosophy of treating our neighbors with respect. Al Olszewski is a Republican candidate for Montana's second U.S. House seat. He lives in Kalispell

The reason no link is given is because it's not yet up on Google or Duckduckgo. It's hand-typed verbatim, and you can verify that by comparing it to the actual article.

This article makes the issue simple enough to understand. It's good that the article appeared in time for Montanans to still get onboard with the Helena redistricting session on Saturday, 10/30. The meeting is at 9:30 AM. If this concerns you, as a Montanan, you can make sure that you're heard, either by showing up in person, or by emailing the redistriction commissioners, or by zoom. The following has been making the rounds, and bears repeating. This issue is very important, important enough to take time to address it personally. Flathead area people can still reserve a bus seat, at least as far as I know.

Non-Montanans are invited to see how the Democrats operate. This is not new in most states. Here is the info you need if you want to say something:

Remote Participation Request  MDAC Bus or Zoom

<https://mtredistricting.gov/remote-participation-request/> [\[mtredistricting.gov\]](https://mtredistricting.gov/) This is the link

to get a spot on the zoom for the Saturday meeting on the redistricting map for House districts

There are several ways you can help:

1. Attend the next Districting and Apportionment Commission meeting “In-Person” on Saturday, October 30, 2021 @ 9:30 AM in the State Capitol, Room 102 and deliver your short (30 second) testimony to the Commissioners. (Talking points will be provided for you)

A bus has been chartered for Helena and the cost is FREE.

There are only 55 seats available on a “first call first served” basis but we need firm confirmation from each person.

Call John O’Neil at (406) 755-5714 or Lauralee O’Neil at (406) 407-5639 to reserve your seat and get more details.

Meet @ the Red Lion Inn parking lot in Kalispell at 4 AM on Saturday October 30, 2021 for the “ride of your life”.

2. Send an email to the Chair and Commissioners here: [districting@mt.gov](mailto:districting@mt.gov)

(suggested comments below)

3. Send the same e-mail directly to the Chair and Commissioners:

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(suggested comments below)

4. Send the same comments directly to the Commissioners through their website:  
[https://mtredistricting.gov/contact/ \[mtredistricting.gov\]](https://mtredistricting.gov/contact/)

(suggested comments below)

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your Name, Address, Phone Number & d Email Address (this is required information)

5. Provide comments on the interactive maps for CP-10 or CP-11 by clicking below and following the directions:

<https://mtredistricting.gov/congressional-maps-proposed-by-the-commission/>  
[\[mtredistricting.gov\]](https://mtredistricting.gov)

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting plan  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:03:01 AM

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Hi. I'm Betsy Kohnstamm from Whitefish, Montana writing with just a few comments on your decision coming soon regarding dividing Montana into two congressional districts. I'm in favor of map 11 as it keeps our historical districts intact with moving only two counties. Communities that work and live together such as Livingston and Bozeman are kept together. Helena and Butte naturally fit together as folks live and work in both places. Thanks for all the hours you have put into this and I hope you will make this common sense decision. Betsy Kohnstamm

Darlene Kolczak  
1818 Landusky Road  
Zortman, Montana 59546

October 28, 2021

Dear Members of the Districting Committee,

I like map C10 because it certainly gives tribes a stronger voice, in map C11 there is only one reservation represented and that would be unfair to the Native American voters.

Map C 10 is better for the community interests with the Canadian Interface for commerce and for medical facilities where as C11 separates the Canadian Interface.

Map C10 is compact, contiguous, and close to being equal in population.

Map C10 is better for the medical facilities in Flathead and Columbia Falls, they need to work together and Map C 11 would hinder that.

I dislike map C 11 because it splits the county of Flathead into a west and east district, which is not fair to the voters of that county.

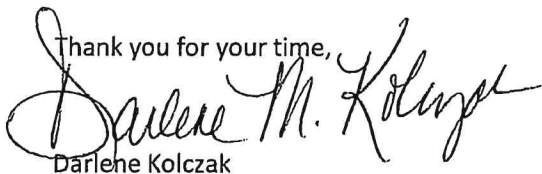
C 11 separates the Canadian Interface.

C11 creates a district with different interests. The west is more into tourism and logging and the east in oil and gas production and agriculture and this district would not be fair to either one of their interests.

C11 Doesn't provide for a good tribal representation with only one reservation represented.

C11 Travel for the candidates would be vast in a state that already is huge with varying weather conditions.

Thank you for your time,



Darlene M. Kolczak

Darlene Kolczak

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP 11 please!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:15:48 PM

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Please choose CP 11.  
Thank you!

Kitty Kolden  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Districting Maps  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:39:35 AM

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Please approve CP #11. The new districting MUST have a competitive range and not unduly favor one party. This is our opportunity to represent ALL Montanans in Congress. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Kerry Krebill\  
8 Park Place  
Clancy MT 59634



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:02:59 PM

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From: Joan kresich joankresich@gmail.com  
Residence: Livingston MT

Message:  
I am in favor of option 11

Thank you

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:32:40 PM

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I am writing to voice strong support for Congressional Proposal 11. It most accurately recreates what was the historical districting and creates the most balanced division. Thank you  
Kevin Kronner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Heather Labbe  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 10:15:22 AM

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From: Heather Labbe [heatherdlabbe@gmail.com](mailto:heatherdlabbe@gmail.com)  
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Message:

I support CP #11 (Map 11) as it seems to be the one which would create the fairest division into two districts.

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**From:** [Kay LaFrance](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposing Map #10  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:33:25 PM

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed redistricting map #10. It segments Bozeman and Gallatin County and favors one political party over another.  
Thank you for listening.

Kay LaFrance  
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Bozeman, MT 59715

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for CP#11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:40:43 PM

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I support CP#11 for our new congressional district boundaries.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Lappin  
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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Andree Larose](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comments in Support of Map #11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:54:01 PM

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Dear Commission Members:

I urge you to adopt proposed Plan 11 for the creation of two Congressional districts in Montana. It is the most logical and fair plan for many reasons.

As a Montana resident for over 40 years, I have been active in the communities in which I have resided, which include Polson, Whitefish and Helena – professionally and in other ways. My husband and I have raised two children who are now young adults; they each remain in Montana. We have volunteered for many organizations and have contributed to various community projects. We are aware of the importance of involvement in our community and fair representation by our elected officials.

Proposal 11 most closely follows the Congressional districts that existed when we had two districts, but at the same time is revised to reach population equality. It keeps intact areas that share economic connections and a population that works and lives in neighboring areas. By contrast, Map # 10 divides communities that share interests and should be kept together. For example, Map # 11 keeps Livingston and Bozeman areas together, which only makes sense. Many people commute between those areas. The same consideration applies to Helena, Boulder, Butte, and Townsend. These communities have workers that commute between them and services that are utilized by residents across county and city lines. Map # 11 ensures district lines don't divide the flow, interests and economic opportunities between those communities. Map # 10 does not.

Map # 10 violates the Commission's own criteria that counties and towns should not be divided unnecessarily, as is the case with the division of Gallatin and Park counties.

Map # 10 seems blatantly aimed at reducing the competitiveness of the districts to ensure that Republicans have and keep control in both districts. This is not a fair representation of Montanans' diverse interests. And it violates Montana law that says a district may not be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of Congress. It is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes. And it separates two integrally connected small communities – Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway. While it also splits Flathead County, it does so in a way that keeps communities with common

interests together. Whitefish and the rest of Flathead County differ in many respects and the residents of Whitefish deserve to have their voices heard in a meaningful manner.

Native American voices would be unfairly diluted or suppressed with the adoption of Map #10. By contrast, Map # 11 encourages representatives to address Native American interests. Map # 11 also keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, better ensuring that rural and agricultural interests, which are vital to Montana, have a stronger voice in Congress.

I strongly urge you to adopt Map #11 and reject Map #10.

Respectfully,  
Andrée Larose  
901 Stuart St.  
Helena, MT 59601

**From:** [Kristin Larson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:01:06 PM

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I would recommend the CP10 proposal. Montana is a unique state in its demographic layout with most of the bigger cities in the West. It is imperative to keep the representation fair. Montana's economy is dependent on agriculture and we need to be able to elect people that understand agriculture and are able to represent this state's #1 economy.

Thank you,  
Kristin Larson  
Sidney, MT



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Peggy Latrielle  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:33:58 AM

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From: Peggy Latrielle [peggylatrielle@gmail.com](mailto:peggylatrielle@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I want to add my voice to those who support Congressional Apportionment proposal #11.

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**From:** [mtjumbofruit@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mtjumbofruit@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Susan Leaphart](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]MAP #CP11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:22:50 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

In looking at the two maps, it seems that Map No. 11 does not favor one party or the other. I like that it does not split towns. We have enough division in the country and the state, that it seems to me intentionally splitting a town effectively increases dissension and is not healthy at a local level. I also appreciate the minimal disruption to the 1980's Congressional line, as proposed in Map No. 11. Finally, with Cascade County's being included in the Eastern District, including Lewis and Clark County in the Western District was paramount to my support of Map 11.

Sincerely,  
Susan Leaphart  
2502 Rattlesnake Dr Missoula, MT 59802-3237  
[mtjumbofruit@gmail.com](mailto:mtjumbofruit@gmail.com)

**From:** [Melinda Leas](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map - Yes to Proposal 11  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 11:34:03 AM

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Hi Montana's Districting and Apportionment Commission,

First thank you for your efforts to create the most competitive redistricting map for Montana. I support Proposal 11 as the best way to redistrict our beautiful state. This map represents the most positive competitive map to represent all the voices of Montana. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Be Healthy and Fit,  
Melinda Leas  
Helena, MT  
406-261-1294

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Linda Lee  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:05:45 PM

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From: Linda Lee lindaleemt@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:  
Please choose CP11. It makes the most sense.  
Thank you!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Margaret Lekse  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:38:40 PM

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From: Margaret Lekse [marlek@midrivers.com](mailto:marlek@midrivers.com)  
Residence: Roundup, Montana

Message:  
I like CP10 the best as it is better for rural Montanans.

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**From:** [David Levison](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional map  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 8:31:34 AM

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I would favor CP 11 as the map that most appropriately meets the criteria and goals of the process and is best for the future of Montana.

Dave Levison

**From:** [Elizabeth Liggett](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
[dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support CP 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:34:14 PM

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In this heavily lopsided state politically, one political party has almost all the control. I urge you to choose map 11, which is the best remaining option that has any possibility of making a competitive race. Thank you.

Jane Elizabeth Liggett  
Billings, Montana

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**From:** [Norma Linsky](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana districting map preference  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:18:02 PM

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Please support CP#11 for the new map.

Thank you,

Norma Linsky  
Kalispell  
59901

Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:Mail [go.microsoft.com]) for Windows



**From:** [Warren Little](#)  
**To:** [George Torp](#)  
**Cc:** [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendia.Miller@meleg.gov](#); [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:10:04 PM

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good on ya. well done, warren

Warren Little  
PO Box 8127  
Missoula, MT 59807-8127  
406-317-1018  
[dite3little@gmail.com](mailto:dite3little@gmail.com)

The Federal Gov't is \$28 trillion in debt today compared to just \$9 trillion 12 years ago. Our debt to GDP ratio is 130% compared to just 59% in 2000. And skyrocketing. Expect bankruptcy in 4-8 years. (add this signature statement about the debt to your emails and ask your contacts to do so too. Maybe it will finally wake someone up in Congress.)

On Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 12:57 PM George Torp <[gtorp@bresnan.net](mailto:gtorp@bresnan.net)> wrote:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the redistricting commission,

First I want to thank all of you for your very important service to our great State of Montana and to the United States of America with all citizens of every creed color or religion. My father was an immigrant (1917) and a good friend to Senator Mike Mansfield. Both are turning over in their graves as they watch what is happening to this still great country which is being taken over by some corrupt, money hungry socialists and politicians, that will do anything to end life as we know it and which I have enjoyed all of my 81 years.

I feel Montana is one of the few states in our nation that can place itself above all others and maintain a culture and living standard, outpacing all others. I Thank God ever day for leaders who can see the handwriting on the wall and are willing to fight to keep AMERICA GREAT!

With that said I count on you to overlook politics and do the right thing for all citizens or have your names on a list that caused the take down of this great land.

Personally I don't like either Map 10 or 11—probably would prefer Map 7 or return to the old map of 40 years or more.

In closing please read this writing I received a few days ago, written by Carl Ibsen, former

Missoula Sheriff.

“Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times.

Does anyone else think that this might be the future of our coming times? Can't help but think that we, as a people and a nation,

are in for some really bad times, which will be worse than the Great Depression. This has been coming for a few decades, but

has been highlighted by the administration of Dementia Joe, who is the PINO (President In Name Only). Whoever is pulling his

puppet strings is quickly destroying America. We may never recover. We, certainly, will not recover in my lifetime, since we,

apparently, are not willing to fight, in one form or another, for the survival of this once great country.”

What more can I add? It's not about Democrat or Republican, it's about survival of this great country and our way of life—freedom from ternary! Freedom to Worship, Thank God.

Submitted by George Torp, 3023 Martinwood Road, Missoula, 59802, 406-543-4228, [gtorp@bresnan.net](mailto:gtorp@bresnan.net). Thank You



**From:** [Amy Livezey](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map CP#11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:25:37 AM

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Hello Redistricting Commissioners,

I support Map CP#11 as it's the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party.

Thanks,  
Amy Livezey

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Don Lloyd  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 8:43:02 AM

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From: Don Lloyd [airship26@gmail.com](mailto:airship26@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jason Long  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:30:18 PM

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From: Jason Long [msucats@earthlink.net](mailto:msucats@earthlink.net)  
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:

I support map option CP-10. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it belongs. The Western District of Montana has very little in common with the Eastern District. We cannot stand for District Gerrymandering in the state of Montana. Look at the absolute disaster Gerrymandering has done to California. CP-10 is the only map that is fair. We are a tourist and forest production District located in the Rocky Mountains. Keep the Flathead Valley in the Western District. Thank You

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kristin Long  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:38:28 PM

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From: Kristin Long meandjoe97@yahoo.com  
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:

I support map option CP-10. As an employee of Logan Health Medical Center it is important to keep the Flathead Valley in the Western District. It keeps the shared medical communities of Logan Health Medical Center (Kalispell and Whitefish) together, which provides medical services for the entire NW Region, including the Blackfeet Reservation. Furthermore, the Democrats are trying to Gerrymander the state of Montana by splitting a county West of the Continental Divide. Map CP-10 is in line with Montana Law and our Constitution and is the clear choice to keep our state from falling into political traps like Gerrymandering. Thank You.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Deb Louttit  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:59:23 AM

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From: Deb Louttit [louttit.mckay@gmail.com](mailto:louttit.mckay@gmail.com)  
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

My name is Deb Louttit. I am a third generation Montanan and am passionately grateful to live here. I live outside of Ulm, on the Missouri River. We love to raft, kayak, hike and drive the backroads of this state.

I support Map 11. I believe Map 11 is the best choice. First, it keeps the districts competitive and has the best chance of not favoring one political party over the next. It keeps the High Line together, honoring the Ag interests and does not split communities that offer recreation and tourism as a major source of income.

i do not support Map 10 because it splits the community of Big Sky, and does not provide a political balance. That last point is of paramount importance. Montana needs to have fair representation for all voters. It is also lacking in keeping communities of common history and economic strengths together.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

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**From:** [Colleen Lulf](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting in Montana  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:34:29 AM

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As a native Montanan who has voted for the person I think will do the best job rather than one party, I've been proud of our state in the past for electing both Republicans and Democrats. We have in the past been balanced in our choices. Please continue to allow Montana to remain the same by passing Proposal 11, which offers that same spirit of competition. Oppose Proposal 10 which reeks of gerrymandering.

Respectfully,  
Colleen Lulf

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jonathan Lupton  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:46:18 AM

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From: Jonathan Lupton [jlupton@snappysportsenter.com](mailto:jlupton@snappysportsenter.com)  
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:

I vote for CP10. Geographically Whitefish and the rest of the Flathead valley are closely aligned. Also from a commerce, transportation, and financial aspect. Whitefish is part of the Flathead Valley along with Kalispell, Bigfork, Columbia Falls, and many smaller communities. Separating it out could damage the overall and success of the Flathead Valley. All of our cities and unincorporated communities are interconnected. Respectfully Jon L.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tom mackay  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 10:57:49 AM

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From: Tom mackay [mackayt@gmail.com](mailto:mackayt@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:  
I support map 10

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**From:** [Kathleen Gaines Madison](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Strongly support map #11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:10:04 PM

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Dear Commission,

My name is Kathleen Madison and I live at 2804 Langohr Ave, Bozeman, MT. I have lived in Montana for 28 years. I am urging you to choose Map # 11 because it does not favor a political party and makes a competitive district. I have stated my support and reasoning below for map # 11 and also outlined why I oppose # 10. Thanks for all your hard work on this matter and for your consideration of citizen input.  
Warm regards, k

#### Support Map #11

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
- This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map 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.
- Native voters are empowered under this plan, 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.

#### Oppose Map #10

- This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.
- This plan creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. With two congressional districts now instead of one, a fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.
- This plan dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple.
- This plan separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest.
- This plan splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.
- This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lynnette Maes  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:44:32 AM

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From: Lynnette Maes [lynnette maes@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnette maes@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Anaconda MT

Message:  
I support redistricting map 11

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**From:** [Erik Makus](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] congressional redistricting - support CP-11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:57:04 PM

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Hi,

I am a resident of Helena. I strongly **support Map CP-11**. Helena clearly belongs in the western district of Montana.

In July 2021, your commission adopted both "Mandatory criteria for congressional districts" and "Goals for congressional districts." You are obligated to strive to meet those mandatory criteria and goals.

Both proposals meet the 'mandatory criteria for congressional districts' adopted by your commission in July 2021. They are both of equal population, afford minority rights, compact, and contiguous. The real difference is in the 'goals for congressional districts' adopted by your commission. While both minimize divisions (one county each), and don't unduly favor a political party, only CP-11 considers communities of interest and competitiveness.

CP-11 keeps Helena in the district where it is more tied into the community. Helena is a western Montana town - whether it's our University of Montana Helena campus, or our social, cultural, and lifestyle ties to Bozeman, Butte, and Missoula, it's clear that Helena belongs in the western district. Keeping communities of interest together and considering the factors mentioned above is a goal adopted by the commission.

CP-11 is also more competitive than the other proposal (R+7 vs. R+11 according to [www.fivethirtyeight.com](http://www.fivethirtyeight.com) [[fivethirtyeight.com](http://www.fivethirtyeight.com)]). This is another goal adopted by the commission.

All things being equal otherwise, it is clear that CP-11 is the clear choice for the commission to make.

Respectfully,

Erik Makus  
Helena, MT

**From:** [connie\\_malone](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP#11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:09:40 AM

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Please, the only way to go is CP#11.

Thank you.

Connie Malone  
Flathead County

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Brian Marotz  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:20:45 PM

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From: Brian Marotz bmarotz007@gmail.com

Residence: Kalispell

Message:

I am Brian Marotz, recently retired after 35-years as a civil servant for Montana.

I urge the Commission to select Map 11, which is still a compromise after considering earlier drafts. Map 11 minimally meets the stated objectives and will hopefully keep the districts competitive.

I do not favor Map 10 because it does not meet the stated objectives as well as Map 11.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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**From:** [Wendy Marsh](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map 11 please  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:26:28 PM

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Dear Commission:

I hope you are doing well here in the final hours of this important task. And I hope people have behaved respectfully toward each of you.

Map 11 looks much more fair to me based on your criteria. It creates less division and more competition.

Please choose Map 11.

Thank you for your hard work,

Wendy Marsh  
Helena, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Colleen Martin  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:30:39 PM

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From: Colleen Martin [colleenmariamartin@gmail.com](mailto:colleenmariamartin@gmail.com)  
Residence: Helena

Message:

Hello my name is Colleen Martin and I have lived in Helena for the last eight years.

I support Map 11. I believe given the options currently on the table, Map 11 achieves the following criteria the commission set in creating fair maps:

1. Map 11 creates one competitive district giving the more moderate western part of the state a chance to see a competitive election.
2. While both maps divide one county, Map 11 does not divide any communities like Map 10 (divides 3 communities), making Map 11 the fairer option.
3. I believe while both maps keep reservations whole, other communities of interest are divided in Map 10. As a resident of Lewis and Clark county, I strongly prefer being kept in the western district as our issues are more in line with those of our neighbors in the western portion of the state.

I do not support Map 10. It fails to achieve too many of the commissions criteria where Map 11 clearly hits the mark. When comparing the two, I do not see how Map 10 is a fair option.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Map 11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:08:01 PM

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First, I want to thank all of you for all the hard work you have put into this. And, I realize that when this has been decided, you still have to deal with the Montana Legislative Districts. Serving on the Redistricting Commission is by no means an easy task.

I have written comments on both of the pin maps, although I mistook Map 10 for Map 11 to begin with. I will briefly re-iterate my comments here. I support Map 11 because I believe it makes the most sense and is fairest to the most people. In these times of divisiveness NO map is going to be perfect or make everyone happy – thus the hard work. I have 3 main points:

1. Map 11 allows for at least one competitive district in which either major party might win elections, thus giving non-Republicans the opportunity to be heard and to have their votes matter. Map 10 creates two non-competitive districts thus meeting the gerrymandering criteria of drawing maps that unduly favor one political party.
2. Both maps split at least one county. Although I live in Libby now, I have also lived in Bozeman, Helena, and Kalispell. It makes much more sense to separate the two distinct cities even though they are close than to divide much smaller communities; at least one of less than 300 people. In addition, although undoubtedly there is commuting for work between Whitefish and Kalispell, the bulk of jobs for residents of Park and Jefferson Counties are located in Gallatin and Lewis and Clark counties respectively. They form much stronger communities of interest for working families.
3. It is to the benefit of all 7 Tribal Nations to have at least one competitive district. Although Map 11 encompasses only the Flathead Reservation of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, it is considered competitive. Having the remaining 6 Tribal Nations in the other district gives tribal people a stronger voice and potential influence is the second non-competitive district.

Congressional Districts mostly matter when it comes to voting in elections. In actuality, we are all Montanans, and once elected our Congressional Delegation represents all of us in our diversity and independent natures. It is important that every Montanan feels he or she has the opportunity to be heard. Map 11 is the only option that offers that possibility. Please make it the final map.

Again, thank you all for your dedicated public service.

Sincerely,

Donna Martin  
294 Dawson Street  
Libby, MT 59923  
(406) 291-1187

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 8:10:19 AM

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Dear Committee Members,

I am for CP11. It is the fairest and makes the most sense in my opinion as a voter. CP11 splits Flathead County which I think makes more sense as I believe this keeps the population in the split of the state equal. Also I feel it keeps the political race competitive instead of one-sided. It is not fair to favor a party. I wish we did not have to do this at all. However, here we are. Therefore, I am asking you to choose map CP11.

Thank you for your time.

Susan McClure  
Gallatin County, Montana

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: CONNIE M. MCCUBBINS  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:24:22 PM

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From: CONNIE M. MCCUBBINS [cmmccubbins@gmail.com](mailto:cmmccubbins@gmail.com)  
Residence: Columbia Falls, Montana

Message:

Flathead county is comprised of three cities and a few unincorporated communities, including Bigfork, Evergreen, Lakeside and Somers. To separate Kalispell from the rest of Flathead Valley does not make sense. I urge you to keep all of Flathead County as a whole. The best solution is CP 10

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**From:** [Taralee McFadden](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] choose Map CP 10  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:24:18 PM

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I favor map CP 10. Kalispell is located in the west, therefore should not be redistricted to the east side. I am a voting constituent residing in Troy, MT.

Thank you,

Taralee McFadden

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Valeri McGarvey  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 8:10:44 AM

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From: Valeri McGarvey [mcgarvey779@gmail.com](mailto:mcgarvey779@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell MT

Message:

I support map #11 as it is fairly drawn and will result in competitive races.

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**From:** [Cara McGary](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
[Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional District Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:28:33 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to map #10. It is gerrymandering.

Furthermore, I support map #11 because it splits populations evenly, it is competitive, it does not support one party over the other, and because it keeps Park and Gallatin Counties together. We are enmeshed in many ways--I live in Park County, but the majority of my healthcare and shopping is in Gallatin County. We share families, friends, economy, recreation, landscapes, values, challenges and more. Please do not split us.

Thanks so much for your time and effort in these matters!

Cara McGary  
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**From:** [Gene McGlasson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana districting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:00:15 PM

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Please connect Flathead County with Lincoln County as we are in reality connected in many ways. Think economy not politics.

With thanks,  
James (Gene) McGlasson

**From:** [Laura McGlasson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Gene McGlasson](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:22:13 PM

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The effort to reposition the district lines makes no practical sense to me and the people who live here. Please think about the things people on this side of the mountains have in common - we are in a completely different economic situation than Eastern Montana. the mountains are a natural dividing line - we go over there for vacations, not daily needs.

This effort simply works to make me more suspicious of the motives behind it. Pcase keep map CP #10.

Laura E McGlasson  
324 White Ave  
Libby MT 59923

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: William McGuire  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:06:23 PM

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From: William McGuire yngmsg@aol.com  
Residence: Helena

Message:

My name is Bill McGuire. I am a long time Montana resident, veteran and tax payer with a Montana lineage going back to the 1800's. What happens in Montana is important to me and my family.

I support Map 10. Map 10 would provide better representation for Montanans who's lifestyle and economic needs differ between eastern and western Montana. Long term Montanans known these differences and deserve true representation. I don't support splitting any counties. Map 10 has the smallest geographic county split. Map 10 also is a more equitable east/ west divide as Montana is looked at as a whole state.

I do not support Map #11. Map #11 doesn't represent east/west populations as known to long time Montana residents. Flathead has always been know as being on the westside of the divide.

I would like to thank the Commission for their work in this very important decision.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David McGuire  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:25:51 PM

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From: David McGuire [thedonutholehln@gmail.com](mailto:thedonutholehln@gmail.com)  
Residence: Helena MT

Message:

I would like to see Lewis and Clark county in a western district since we are actually in the western part of the state.

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**From:** [Diana Mckinlay](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Districting for Montana  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:44:49 AM

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I would like to endorse CP11. It seems more fair to me. It also keeps the cities of Bozeman and Livingston together . This is an important factor in that both cities/counties share similar economies and there is an active flow of commuters between the two for work, shopping and education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana McKinlay  
Livingston resident

**From:** [Margarita McLarty](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Cc:** [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Choosing between Proposed Maps 10 and 11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:18:59 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

There are sufficient reasons that Map number 10 fails to meet the criteria you folks set as essential for creating fair districts that it needs to be tossed out of consideration without even beginning to describe the superiority of Map 11.

#### PROPOSED MAP NUMBER 10:

- Creates two districts that are not even in population.
- Crates two districts that appear to deliberately give a partisan advantage to Republicans.
- Creates two districts that carefully divide like-minded communities of interest, far more so than does Map number 11.
- Creates districts that divide geographic entities in addition to separating communities of interest.
- Appears to attempt to separate and therefore weaken cities where Unions are strong.
- Divides up the “Golden Triangle” of farming and ranching, diluting that community of interest.
- Park and Gallatin Counties are projected to be some of the fastest growing areas in Montana, and as such, need to work together. Map 10 needlessly separates and diffuses their power.

I could give you a list of the reasons Map 11 is superior, and while precedent is not always of paramount importance, in this time of confusion and suspicion of any government actions, precedent may carry added weight, and Map 11 more closely adheres to previous district divisions.

Map 11 simply does a better job of meeting all of the criteria that was set forth when you folks were tasked with drawing the boundaries for our two districts.

Thank you for your time and attention to working to create a fair and just political climate for Montana's future.

Regards,

Don & Margarita McLarty

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**From:** [Leslie Mcshane](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] We need fairness = Map 11  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 10:05:16 AM

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Dear Commissioners,  
Once again, as a registered voter in Montana I am writing to ask for fairness in the new legislative district. It is important to make sure that all voices have the opportunity to be heard, and I ask you to choose the map where the voices on both sides have a fair shot at being formally represented in the US Congress.

One sidedness dominating all the discussion is not beneficial to our state. The map that is population equal and competitive should be chosen. I ask you to select Map 11.

In hopes of fairness, I thank you.

Leslie McShane  
Missoula, MT 59808



**From:** [Lynn Metcalf](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:01:10 PM

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Please vote for the map that keeps Gallitin County in tact.  
Thank you  
Lynn Metcalf

**From:** [metcalfe.georgel@gmail.com](mailto:metcalfe.georgel@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Redistricting Maps for Congressional Seats  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:57:06 PM

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I am writing to request that you adopt map CP#11 to establish the districts for Montana's 2 US Congressional seats.

Thank you,  
George Metcalfe

**From:** [Debra Miller](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 29, 2021 11:33:15 AM

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Proposal 11 is a more fair and competitive division that will better allow voters to elect representatives who will reflect their views. It is vital that Montana's closely divided constituencies have an even playing field and each person's vote is counted.

Thank You,  
Debra Miller  
Roscoe, MT

**From:** [Joan Miller](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District maps for new representative  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:55:08 PM

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I support proposed congressional map # 11 for providing reasonably equal numbers of people in both districts and giving neither major party a significant advantage over the other.

As a resident of Flathead County I ask that you support this proposal.

Joan Miller

**From:** [John William Miller](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] congressional districts  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:44:43 AM

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Dear congressional districting commission,

I am writing to express my support for Option 11 for the new congressional districting for Montana. While some type of bias will always be inherent when forming public policy of the two options I feel that 11 best represents the diversity of Montana's population and gives us the best chance to avoid gerrymandering which has become way too prevalent on both sides of the political aisle. We desperately need fair elections as well as citizen involvement in elections. Gerrymandering breeds cynicism, skepticism, and unfairly favors one political party. It is for these reasons I ask you to support option 11.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Miller

683 East Rosebud Rd.

Roscoe Mt.

406-647-1010

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: William Norman Miller  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:57:17 PM

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From: William Norman Miller [wnmiller@bresnan.net](mailto:wnmiller@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

Dear Commissioners: Thank you for reading this. I have lived in Great Falls since 1975 and remember when we had two districts. After reviewing the maps I think map #11 is the fairer one. It also avoids splitting any county apart. I appreciate all of the hard work the commission has done. William N Miller

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**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on options  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:31:02 PM

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To all Commission members,

First thank you for your serious effort to provide redistricting alternatives for Montana voters.

Ensuring competition for our congressional districts is key to motivating all citizens to participate actively in our Democratic process. I believe CP11 provides the best opportunity to realize competitive elections.

I appreciate your consideration for my request.

Thanks again,  
Bill Milton  
127 Griffith Rd  
Roundup, Mt 59072

**From:** [Andrew Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Maylin.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylin.Smith@mtleg.gov); Districting  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional districting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:46:04 PM

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Please, do not split any counties or cities. Particularly, the intricate ties between Park and Gallatin counties run deep, with many of us working in one and living in the other. To split these would be detrimental in so many ways. CP #11 would keep us together.

Please, choose map CP #11

Elizabeth Mitchell  
PO Box 1991  
Livingston MT 59047



**From:** [Kent Mollohan](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] choose CP 11 map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:41:11 PM

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Judith M Morgan  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:56:44 PM

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From: Judith M Morgan stahlkp@msn.com  
Residence: Helena

Message:

What fair is fair. If you do not choose Map 11, I may never vote in a Congressional election again, because it has not meaning.

Please don't disenfranchise me or my children. Keep Helena in the West.

Putting all of Flathead in the West is like sticking your thumb in my eye. That is common in this day and age, but this map should not represent that.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jeffery William Morrow  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:40:55 PM

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From: Jeffery William Morrow [morrowsaddles@hotmail.com](mailto:morrowsaddles@hotmail.com)  
Residence: Niarada, Montana

Message:

I like CP-11 because it doesn't seem to have as many counties that are "surgically split" to favor the Republican Party.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bill Moseley  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:31:45 AM

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From: Bill Moseley [moseley@glsolutions.com](mailto:moseley@glsolutions.com)  
Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

I am the CEO of a 55 person software company, GL Solutions, based in Kalispell. I strongly urge you to keep all of Flathead County whole and a part of the western districting solution – CP10. Kalispell is closely tied to the economy of western Montana – labor, education, transportation, etc. Our community partners, like universities, training centers, workforce housing, other relationships occur north-south, not across the eastern mountains.

Please keep the Flathead Valley intact and represented by our natural community in western Montana. Support CP-10.

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**From:** [Gigi Moy](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP-11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:50:24 PM

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October 28,2021

Dear Montana Congressional Districting and Apportionment Commission,  
Thank you for allowing public input into the 2 proposed maps to be used in choosing Montana's congressional delegates.

After studying both of the latest proposed maps, I would like the commission to know that I prefer

**Proposal map 11 (CP-11).**

Thank you,

Margaret B. Moy  
680 Blue Grouse Road  
Helena, MT 59602

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**From:** [Richard Moy](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map CP-11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:08:43 PM

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October 28, 2021

Dear Montana Congressional Districting and Apportionment Commission,  
Thank you for allowing public input into the 2 proposed maps to be used in choosing Montana's congressional delegates.

I support **Map 11 (CP-11)** as it allows for a fairer government.

Thank you,  
Richard M. Moy  
680 Blue Grouse Road  
Helena, MT 59602

**From:** [Jill Mueth](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:58:12 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee,

I am writing to implore you to support Redistricting Plan 11. I am concerned that whomever wins our new legislative seat should have to address the needs of many in our state that need representation.

Under Plan 11, Native voters will have a stronger voice if both representatives have to actively listen to their concerns and work for their interests.

Under Plan 11, farmers and ranchers in rural areas of agriculture such as Hi Line, the Golden Triangle, and the Rocky Mountain Front will have an equal and shared voice with others across the state. As it stands in Plan 11, the larger portion of Flathead County is a community of interest with commonalities to the east side agricultural area. Our Flathead farms share many of the same interests as those farms and ranches in the east side of Montana. There appears to be no greater place in which a Representative should have to pay attention to all constituents to be fair and just.

If Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley are split, the deep economic ties between the two areas and their commuters, will be divided in a way that doesn't need to happen. Similarly, there is no need to separate Jefferson and Broadwater counties from Helena; how are commuters in any of these areas supposed to separate the needs of where they work from those of where they live? Why would these communities of interest be so divided? This is an untenable and unfair situation.

Separating the people of Helena from Butte—who have historically been connected for more than a century—is nonsensical. This unnecessarily splits apart another community of interest and threatens parity of voter blocs.

Please consider the historical precedent that has been established since the 1980s for all these areas. There is no need to do anything more to establish our new congressional district than to move only two counties to reach the population balance needed. If I understand my research correctly, the committee's initial criterion for suggesting any redistricting map was to MINIMIZE the unnecessary division of towns and areas. Montanans are famous for their ability to work hard and fair play is the ethos of the land so let's make the map fair and representative for all voters. Redistricting Map 11 is the only one that creates one competitive district ensuring that whomever wins will be actively listening to all constituents and play fair in their legislative actions.

I appreciate your time and hope you will consider my request for action.

Sincerely,

Jill S. Mueth, Ed.D.

Kalispell/BigFork



**From:** [Bob Mullenix](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:51:06 PM

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I have studied the two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11). They appear to me that they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

The preferred map I have seen proposed is map CP-1 which adheres to the law and best represents the citizens of Montana.

Thank you

Bob Mullenix  
460 Lauman Rd  
Kalispell, Mt. 59901  
mtmaniacs@msn.com  
406-459-6685

**From:** [Kelly Murphy](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support of Map #11  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:11:32 PM

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To the MT Districting Commission:

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter to ensure fair representation for the State of Montana. My name is Kelly Murphy and I am a small business owner and father of four children ages 4, 6, 8 and 10. I grew up in Kalispell and returned home to Kalispell with my family after living elsewhere for 14 years.

I've reviewed the district proposals and believe map #11 will best represent Montanans and best reflects the diversity and independence of this great State. Above all I don't feel it favors one political party over the other.

Thanks again for your time and consideration!

Kelly

**From:** [Frank & Mary Mutch](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essman@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essman@mtleg.gov); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:52:51 AM

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Members of the committee: Please accept our comments on this vital matter. We are both just recovering from the China Flu and have just become able to function.

We and many others we know who will probably not write or comment, strongly favor the east-west split of the state as it was before when we had 2 congressional districts. This is logical and represents fairly a cross section of both parties.

We would hope that logic, fairness and reason will guide you in your decisions rather than blatant partisan politics which will generate a very strange, non uniform, and confusing district that makes no sense in any way.

Montana tradition going back to the establishment of so many county seats is for the people to have reasonable and ready access to government. The same holds true today. A uniform, contiguous, and geographically similar district makes sense. The continental divide is a logical boundary which is historically and politically the division of Montana into East and West.

These two areas, East and West are unique and different in many ways from geography, to climate, type of agricultural practice, economy, industries, natural resources and on and on. We are sure you already know this and hope that short sighted political manipulations will not overshadow fairness and reality. Most Montanans, regardless of party, favor fairness and practical realities. A gerrymandered manipulation of districts will only add to the already deep divisions in our society which are very contrary to Montana values. It worked well before so please don't "fix" it.

Thanks for your consideration and accepting this statement. Frank & Mary Mutch, 33678 N. Finley Point Rd. Polson, MT 59860 Tel: 406-887-2377 Frank is a 4th. generation Montanan and we are both very dedicated to the preservation of Montana values. Thanks