

# Public Comments: A-D

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Philip Aaberg  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:25:19 PM

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From: Philip Aaberg [phil@sweetgrassmusic.com](mailto:phil@sweetgrassmusic.com)  
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

In making your choice for Boundaries of Montana's new district, you need to consider the true American concept of allowing the voters to have a choice. The GOP proposals are clearly un-American.

Choose options 2,4,6,8, or 9 to give Montana a choice.

Thank you.

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**From:** [notacatfan@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:notacatfan@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amy Abendroth](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Montana's New Congressional Map - Please read!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:49:30 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Although I cannot claim the title of life-long Montanan, I do come close. I moved to Montana at the age of 12, attended junior high in Billings, and graduated from high school there. I have lived in Billings, Kalispell, Missoula, East Missoula, and Helena. I have attended college in Billings, Missoula, and Dillon. Finally, I have worked long-term and full-time in Billings, Missoula, and Helena. I first registered to vote at the age of 18, and I have been an active voter (for federal, state, county, and local elections) since then. Additionally, because I have lived in eastern, central, and western Montana; I have a good sense of our state's homogeneity and its diversity.

We have a terrific opportunity now to select a new congressional map for our state! A congressional district map should be carefully drawn, assessed, and selected; according to the criteria delineated in MCA 5-1-115. After reviewing the 9 finalists, I am comfortable and confident in recommending either CP#2 or CP#8 as Montana's new congressional district map. Both of these finalists have equal populations in their districts, and they have minimal or no county-splitting. The districts in each of these maps are contiguous and compact, and otherwise meet the parameters laid out in MCA 5-1-115.

Thank you for your time, attention, and dedication to this issue!

Sincerely,  
Amy Abendroth  
701 N Davis St Apt E Helena, MT 59601-3776  
[notacatfan@gmail.com](mailto:notacatfan@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve Abrams  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:27:25 PM

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From: Steve Abrams [steve.warren.abrams@gmail.com](mailto:steve.warren.abrams@gmail.com)

Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Please select map CP-1 to evenly divide the state and to keep the rural part of Montana represented!

Thankyou!!!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Beverly Adams  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 3:18:59 PM

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From: Beverly Adams bevwhit1@msn.com  
Residence: Bozeman,MT

Message:

I favor CP1 as it seems the fairest division of the state and has a close number of voters in each section. I ask you to find in favor of CP1. Thank you.

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**From:** [Carolyn Addeo](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] congressional district maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:42:30 AM

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I wish to submit my vote for CP2 because it does not divide the reservations, the two major universities and

does not divide any counties. Carolyn Addeo, 5805 Helena Dr, Missoula, MT 59803.

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: John D Agnew  
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 7:40:34 AM

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From: John D Agnew  
Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

When considering the division of Montana into representative districts I would keep in mind that urban Montana has the money and the population to pretty much generate the direction of the process. The urban towns of Missoula, Bozeman, Butte, and Helena in the west far out weigh the urban population of the east which resides primarily in the Billings/Laurel area. The continental divide continues to be the cultural and lifestyle meter between the west side and the east side and I believe it best reflects the political divide as well.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Roger Ala  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:08:11 AM

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From: Roger Ala  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I support proposals 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9. Please make our new districts competitive. Please let the voters choose their representatives and not the representatives choosing their voters.

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**From:** [Emily Allen](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please select a competitive congressional district map  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 2:59:30 PM

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Dear Chair and Members of the Commission,

My name is Emily Allen and I am a resident of Bozeman and graduate of Montana State University.

I am writing to express my support of congressional district map 6. This map is competitive and fair. It also has at least one reservation per district, which requires candidates to campaign and listen to Montana's most marginalized communities.

Finally, map 6 balances urban and rural communities so that each type of community can have representation. Urban and rural areas in Montana are facing very different circumstances, and should have representation that reflects that.

At the very least, I would urge the commission to select a map that is fair and competitive. Maps 1, 3, 5, and 7 are not competitive and should not be adopted. Montana's deserve fair and equal representation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Allen

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark Allen  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:23:33 AM

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From: Mark Allen mark.allen02@hotmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:  
Hello,

Thank you for taking public comment.

CP 1 or 5 would be acceptable. I feel they are fair and representative.  
CP 2,4,7,8,9 are pretty despicable. Gerrymandering has no place here in MT.  
Representatives should be elected on policy and ideals, not political geography.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Allen  
Capt./USMC/Retired

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary Allen  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:38:50 AM

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From: Mary Allen [sismaryss@gmail.com](mailto:sismaryss@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

PLEASE VOTE FOR CP 2, AS IT IS A FAIRER DIVISION BOTH DEMOGRAPHICALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY.

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**From:** [Steven Allison-Bunnell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:12:13 PM

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Dear Ms Smith, Mr. Essman, Mr. Lamson, Mr. Stusek, and Ms Miller,

I am writing with a formal written public comment on the proposed finalists for the Congressional districts. I have lived in Montana for 24 years, first in Missoula, and now in Bozeman, and I am excited that we will regain a seat in Congress.

I also want to express my strongest possible support for districts that are both equal in population and competitive in their composition.

Simply dividing the state East to West more or less along the Continental Divide is not relevant to ensuring that our Congressional delegation represents the perspectives and interests of all Montanans. Maps 1, 3, and 5 are therefore not suitable.

For decades, rural Montanans have been concerned, and for good reason, that they should not have their affairs dictated by residents of urban areas. Today, those of us who live in cities can fairly raise the same concern: we should not have our affairs dictated by residents of rural areas either.

Therefore, it seems fair not just in terms of competitiveness between the parties, but more profoundly, equal representation of the basic perspectives and needs of different parts of the state, to draw the districts to group our population centers. Maps 2, 6, and 9 accomplish this without creating egregious gerrymanders.

Thank you for your discernment in creating Congressional districts that will hold up over time, regardless of the political party currently in the majority. This is an enormous job, and I appreciate your effort and diligence.

All very best wishes,

Steven Allison-Bunnell  
550 Enterprise Blvd. #21  
Bozeman, MT 59718

**From:** [tammi.allison1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tammi.allison1@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tammi Allison](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Thank you for your IMPORTANT work  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 5:56:25 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Good morning,

First, allow me to thank you for the work that you are doing on the Districting and Apportionment Commission. It really is thrilling that Montana will have greater representation at the national level. The work that you are doing will benefit generations to come. As a fifth-generation Montana native, I love our state and the best that it has to offer.

I am writing today to ask that you proposals CP-2, or CP-9. It seems that having one urban and one rural seat would better allow for the best support of the varied needs of Montanans. Certainly, the needs of a doctor in Missoula are not the same as the needs of a farmer in Havre. While I am certainly not an expert, it appears that these two proposals better support the needs of many Montanans.

We face a time of great division in our country and state. The decision that you make can either help bring us together by fostering equal representation, or it can further divide our state and foster further distrust of the government. I ask that you choose carefully based on the needs of the most vulnerable in our state.

Sincerely,  
Tammi Allison M. Ed.

Sincerely,  
Tammi Allison  
6393 Marias St Missoula, MT 59803-2936  
[tammi.allison1@gmail.com](mailto:tammi.allison1@gmail.com)

**From:** [kateleanor@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kateleanor@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Katherine Altizer](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:14:26 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello,

I support CP 9 and CP2. It is important to me that the populations are equally represented not just by numbers but by and urban or rural focus. Each community in Montana is unique and has their own needs, with a representative more focused on urban or rural communities, we have the opportunity to have equal representation.

Avoiding splitting of communities, counties, and reservations will help to maintain the unity of those entities and make it easier to for local politicians to collaborate with their representative.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Altizer  
152 Stone Fly Dr Bozeman, MT 59718-7778  
[kateleanor@gmail.com](mailto:kateleanor@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: charles richard anderson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:39:14 AM

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From: charles richard anderson  
Residence: BUTTE

Message:

Please leave political agendas out of your decision. Please create two (2) congressional districts that are competitive for both parties. We deserve to have all people in Montana have an equal chance to effectively vote for a congressional candidate that represents their views regardless of party affiliation. Please do not succumb to closed door politics. Thank you.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Heather Anderson  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 11:33:54 AM

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From: Heather Anderson  
Residence: Roundup, Montana

Message:

Option 7 seems most reasonable and fair to me. The lines are practical and a good representation of both populations East and west.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sharon M. Anderson  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 10:09:05 PM

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From: Sharon M. Anderson [anderson.sharonm@gmail.com](mailto:anderson.sharonm@gmail.com)

Residence: Great Falls, MMT

Message:

I support proposed Map 2. I expect you to demonstrate Montana honesty and fairness when making your decision.

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**From:** [amyconreyandreas@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amyconreyandreas@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amy Conrey Andreas](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please In favor of Map CP#8  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:27:01 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Out of all the maps, CP#8 seems the most balanced and fair. Please consider adoption of this congressional map as it seems to be the most diverse and will necessitate that both representatives listen to the Native voices within their district. We need balance in our state and whatever map we choose must encourage both representatives to consider the diverse needs of all people within their district.

Sincerely,  
Amy Conrey Andreas  
PO Box 270 East Glacier Park, MT 59434-0270  
[amyconreyandreas@gmail.com](mailto:amyconreyandreas@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marsha Anson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:22:30 AM

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From: Marsha Anson  
Residence: Polson, MT

Message:

I expect the commission to make sure that all Montanans have a say in the elections with competitive districts. Gerrymandering so that one party has control of everyone is yet another assault on our democracy.

Please do your job for the good of all Montanans.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Terence A Apa  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:37:11 PM

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From: Terence A Apa [apa7064@icloud.com](mailto:apa7064@icloud.com)  
Residence: Billings MT

Message:

After reviewing the maps on redistricting, I believe Proposal number 1 should be highly considered by the commission as it draws a relatively straight line through the state – is compact, and easy for folks to wrap their heads around – My preferred route would look similar to this, except splitting up Bozeman and Great Falls (would not matter which way and the whole county – not breaking any up, I think that is a bit dumb) to better redistribute population. I am sure either republican or democrats would dispute doing so – so be it.

My second choice would be Proposal 7 – with the exception of adding in Galatin county to the west – as it forms a nice straight line slightly diagonal across the state to the lower yellowstone park corner

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Maggie Arbuckle  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:02:59 AM

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From: Maggie Arbuckle [arbuckleranch.albion@gmail.com](mailto:arbuckleranch.albion@gmail.com)

Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

Selecting a second congressional district should have fair maps with fair representation by keeping urban counties intact, having one of the two districts be politically competitive—even balance of voters from each party. Listen to Native Americans to have at least two reservations in each district.

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**From:** [Claire Arcenas](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [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] feedback on redistricting maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:12:09 PM

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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

I would like to provide feedback on the maps you're considering for redistricting Montana to form two congressional districts. I hope that the districts created through this process are fairly drawn and competitive. I believe that the best chances for a competitive district can be found in maps 8, 6, 2, 9, and 4.

I am writing today to advocate for map 8. Map 8 ensures that at least one of the districts is quite competitive. Moreover, with map 8, both districts include Native tribes as well as rural voters.

I urge you all to support a map that is competitive and thus gives all Montanans a chance to be represented in Congress. Thank you for your work on the Redistricting Commission and for listening to feedback from Montanans such as myself.

Sincerely,  
Claire Arcenas  
313 E Beckwith Ave.  
Missoula, MT 59801

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bert E. Arnlund  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:05:00 PM

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From: Bert E. Arnlund bertarnlund1943@me.com  
Residence: Bigfork, Mt.

Message:

The districts should be east and west period. We are a big state and very diversified!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Russell ashby  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 5:48:35 PM

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From: Russell ashby  
Residence: Bozeman MT

Message:

i HAVE LOOKED AT THE MAPS AND FAVOR EITHER MAP 9-CONTAINS MOST OF THE GROWING POPULATION WHICH IS IN sw mt. Map 4 also works as it is kind of along the front range but excludes flathead area. So first choice is #9 then 4.

cheers Russ

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David August  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:38:02 PM

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From: David August montedelda@yahoo.com  
Residence: KALISPELL, Montana

Message:

Dear commitee ,

As a constitutionalist I ask that you follow the law that was past in this passed legislature sponsored By Derek Skees and Signed by Governor Gianforte HB 5-1-115. I request for map 1 or Map 5 be the new districts for the 2 congressional seats for the state of Montana.  
Yhankyou

Dave August

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth Anne Austein  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:59:40 AM

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From: Elizabeth Anne Austein OOHAY\_4100@YAHOO.COM  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

To the Commission: Thank you for your work.

Maps #8 has my primary support, with #6 my alternate choice.

Montana is a very large state with its population unevenly dispersed. Maps that “look” evenly split often aren’t in the ways that matter. Montana is also a state with a long history of mixed politics. Until very recently, our politics have been “purple.”

Any map that increases the polarization in our politics will result in many Montanans not having representation at all, and unfortunately, that would mean that many of our most vulnerable people, including our Tribes, would become LESS visible.

Map 8 and to a lesser extent Map 6 deal, straight up, with the realities of our population and our perspectives.

Please support Map #8, or Map #6.  
Thank you.

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**From:** [Adela Awner](mailto:Adela.Awner@mtleg.gov)  
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**Subject:** Montana's redistricting process  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:35:47 AM

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Dear Redistricting Commission Chair Smith and Commission Members Stusek, Miller, Lamson, and Essmann,

First, I would like to thank you for your work tackling the challenges of dividing our large, sparsely populated state into two Congressional Districts.

Looking at the nine maps proposed by Commission members, I favor Proposal Number 8 . My second choice is Proposal Number 4. I believe that Proposal Numbers 3 and 5 should not be considered for selection because the proposed districts in 3 and 5 are not population equal. To start out with Montanans not even equally represented doesn't make sense.

The main reason I ask Commission members to focus on Proposals 8 and 4 for serious consideration is because these two maps have been drawn in ways such that, not only are they population equal, but at least one of the two new districts would be a competitive Congressional district. Candidates for Congress in competitive districts would have to take seriously the responsibilities of listening to and fairly representing all of their constituents. Competitive districts will help ensure that candidates listen to Montanans, not outside interests. A competitively elected Montana representative will be more responsive to constituent requests for assistance and constituent voices and opinions than a Congressperson that assumes s/he is a shoo-in when running for election or up for re-election.

I realize that Proposals 2 and 6 also have one competitive district, but I strongly favor Proposal 8 because it is the most fair and most respectful of Native American voters who live on reservations. Proposal 8 has three of our state's seven Indian reservations, which gives Montana's Indigenous voters a stronger voice than the Proposals where all the reservations are lumped into one non-competitive District. Proposal 4 at least has two reservations in a competitive district, making it acceptable but not as strong as Proposal 8.

Please select Proposal 8 for Montana's two new Congressional Districts. With Proposal 4 as a possible runner-up.

Thank you.

Adela Awner  
1109 Delphinium Drive  
Billings

**From:** [John Backes](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:19:24 PM

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My vote goes to Map 9 with Map 2 in second place. They are the most competitive and respectful of the various communities across the state. Thanks for listening!

John Backes

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

**From:** [T Baer](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:06:01 PM

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My Name is Tammi Baer  
My address is 626 6th Avenue SW Ronan  
My phone number is 406 5298275

**Dear Members of the Districting Commission:**

I am sure you wont consider my choice because I am a conservative but I want my voice heard. I am a citizen of the state of Montana and I am submitting this email as my written testimony to express my opinion regarding the upcoming decision to be made by the Commission concerning the proposed Congressional Districts. I respectfully request it be made a part of the official record of the Commission and be considered during your deliberations. I have reviewed the various maps and believe that Map CP-1 <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Districting/2020/Maps/Congressional/Commission-Proposals/cp1-congressional-october-19.pdf> is the most appropriate choice for Montana in that it follows the law established in House Bill 506 [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/HB0599/HB0506\\_X.pdf](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/HB0599/HB0506_X.pdf) passed during the most recent session of our Legislature.

Map CP-1 has the best configuration for compactness where the width and length of both districts are most equal. It has the minimal difference in populations between the two districts (plus or minus one). It divides the fewest number of counties (2).

CP-1 is the only map that best follows the intent of HB 506, which is the express will of the citizens of Montana. I believe that our Congressional districts must be formulated in accordance with HB re is an attempt by members of the Commission to ignore the law and gerrymander the

boundaries of the two Congressional districts. Map CP-1 best meets the criteria set out in law by HB506 Section 1, as noted above. Of the nine (9) maps submitted/created, five clearly violate HB 506 and favor the Democrats and disadvantage Republicans. This is blatant partisan gerrymandering and completely unacceptable. These maps are offensive to all Montanans who believe in fair play and the rule of law.

In light of the foregoing, I most strongly urge you to adopt the boundaries for our proposed Congressional Districts as outlined in Map CP-1 and in accordance with the existing laws of Montana. Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns.

Your name

Address

Email address

Telephone number

**From:** [T Baer](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:06:01 PM

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My Name is Tammi Baer  
My address is 626 6th Avenue SW Ronan  
My phone number is 406 5298275

**Dear Members of the Districting Commission:**

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Your name

Address

Email address

Telephone number



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**To:** [Districting](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:06:31 PM

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My Name is Tammi Baer  
My address is 626 6th Avenue SW Ronan  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ann Baker  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 2:23:34 PM

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From: Ann Baker amb0807@gmail.com  
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

I live in Cascade County, a community that includes diversity and lower income families. The community needs to be viewed as a whole, not split between the haves and the have nots, and for this reason needs to remain a single voting district that's representative of everyone who lives here.

I live in an apartment building near the University. I've lived in Great Falls for 20 years.

The diversity in this community is an asset.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lisa Ballard  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:02:01 PM

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From: Lisa Ballard [lisaballardoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:lisaballardoutdoors@gmail.com)  
Residence: Red Lodge

Message:

Lisa Ballard. I've live in Red Lodge (Carbon County) since 2011.

Competitive districts!

Please make the districts as competitive as possible. I'm tired of so much political polarization and feel that's most important for future elections. Competitive districts!

Thank you for considering all of the goals of the commission, particularly making the districts as competitive as possible.

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**From:** [Terry Bankston](#)  
**To:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**Subject:** [spam]Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:49:08 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Terry Bankston

My biggest priority is not unduly favoring a political party

I support naps 4,6,8 or 9

Thank you for taking time to be fair and neutral

Regards,  
Terry Bankston  
4041 Pathfinder Ct  
Billings, MT 59106

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steven G Barkley  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 2:21:36 PM

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From: Steven G Barkley  
Residence: BOZEMAN, MT

Message:

Dear Commission,

I strongly urge you to approve either Map #2, #6 or possibly #8 as the only maps that meet your clear mandate to provide a districting map that:

- 1) Does not unduly favor one party
- 2) Is Compact
- 3) Is Competitive (at least in one district)
- 4) Keeps communities together

Thank You,  
Steve

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Brian G Barnes  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:32:30 AM

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From: Brian G Barnes [barnesb84@yahoo.com](mailto:barnesb84@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I think its a mistake to split counties. I think it will cause an administrative burden for the state and especially for the county. There may be court cases that stem from this on the boundary lines of the split counties. I think it would provide more work and red tape to the split counties and cost the tax payers more. I also don't think it would be fair for those counties. I would advise re-adjusting all proposed 9 maps to not split counties.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Glenda Barnes  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 3:30:16 PM

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From: Glenda Barnes glenda.bar18@gmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Glenda Barnes. I am a MT.resident, living in Bozeman , MT. I am now retired and have lived in Montana for 38 years.

Not unduly favoring a political party.

I support map 6 Historically, the geographical areas in which this map represent lean strongly towards one political party. Splitting this area would unduly favor one party or the other.

Thank you for your consideration and un biased commitment to our great state.

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**From:** [Phil Barney](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:08:18 PM

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Philip L and Sandra Barney

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Polson, MT 59860

(406) 546-1958

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Congressional District Maps  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Karen and Nikolai Bashkirew  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 10:47:45 AM

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From: Karen and Nikolai Bashkirew [karenbashkirew@gmail.com](mailto:karenbashkirew@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

We FAVOR plans 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 which would offer one competitive district.

We OPPOSE plans 1, 3, 5, and 7 which would create two uncompetitive (solidly Republican) districts.

We want to ensure that we have a fair map with a competitive district for the next decade where every voter will have his or her say.

Don't allow gerrymandering in our state!

Thank you.

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**From:** [leonarddbates@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:leonarddbates@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leonard Bates](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:49:18 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I support Map #2 ,6 or 9 because they have equal population, are relatively competitive, create districts that will have both urban abd rural representation and only do not or only minimally divide cities and counties.

Leonard Bates

Sincerely,  
Leonard Bates  
1580 Highway 434 Wolf Creek, MT 59648  
[leonarddbates@gmail.com](mailto:leonarddbates@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lisa Batzle  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 3:52:47 PM

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From: Lisa Batzle VerbaAntiqua@reagan.com  
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Maps CP-1 and CP-3 are the most sensible. Either CP-1 or CP-3 should be adopted.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Donald James Beal  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:27:18 PM

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From: Donald James Beal donaldjbeal@hotmail.com  
Residence: Billings, Montana

Message:

This email is in response to your re-districting proposals. As a member of the Montana Democratic Party, I favor proposals 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9. I am opposed to proposals 1, 3, 5, and 7 as advanced by the Montana Republican Party. Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [Kristine Beardsley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 1:06:04 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to remind you that the law (MCA 5-11-115) and the Montana Constitution both REQUIRE you to set district boundaries with the following criteria:

**Compact & Contiguous Territory Less than 1% difference in population.**

It is your duty to set the congressional districts using the same criteria as is used for legislative districts.

Please follow the Montana Constitution and the law. I have seen proposals that are obviously gerrymandering with political leanings always siding towards left. I know your positions are designed to be neutral and your political affiliation needs to be removed from this process and trust you will follow the law and constitution.

Respectfully,  
Kristine Beardsley



**From:** [Sahra Beaupre](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 3:42:44 PM

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Maps 4, 6, 8 and 9 are the most competitively fair to both parties.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Craig Alan Beebe  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:45:36 PM

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From: Craig Alan Beebe [ummblah@gmail.com](mailto:ummblah@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Map CP2 is the only map that does not split a county. All of the maps appear to be gerrymandered to some degree (including CP2). Since it does not split counties in half it should be the one used. Also, gerrymandering should be outlawed at the federal level.

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**From:** [Mikeal Beland](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:26:18 PM

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Map 8 is the only map that has the smallest deviation & equal representation for a balanced & fair election. It is also the only map that will have equitable population growth to maintain a balanced map in Missoula/Bozeman/Billings v Flathead Valley & other high growth areas.

The economies & cultures of the two districts also reflect one another in a balanced way, so shared communities, regions, economies & voters share the same district.

Mikeal Beland  
Bozeman

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Priscilla Bell  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:30:39 PM

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From: Priscilla Bell Residence: Laurel MT

Message:

Please choose a map that fosters competition between parties as opposed to districts that are obviously Republican or Democratic, ie. 2,4,6,8,or 9.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jonene Bernhardt  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:14:56 PM

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From: Jonene Bernhardt [jonene.bernhardt@gmail.com](mailto:jonene.bernhardt@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Thanks for listening to my suggestion. I believe either maps CP-1 or CP-3 are the best options for redistricting. Having our state's east and west regions represented gives us the best chance at each senator really knowing the needs of his/her districts.

This is a simple boundary and doesn't try to ensure small groups of people are included or excluded; that's nonsense. Just a north-south line works just fine!

Please use Map CP-1 as the official map going forward, with CP-3 being my second choice.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Todd Bernhardt  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:08:09 PM

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From: Todd Bernhardt [todd.bernhardt.fcrcc@gmail.com](mailto:todd.bernhardt.fcrcc@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Map CP 1 makes the most sense. As I understand the related law, Map CP 1 meets the requirements.

Many of the other maps are a clear effort to ensure a smaller group of people are disproportionately represented going forward and are clearly not in alignment with what this country is about.

Please make Map CP 1 the official map going forward.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Edwin Berry  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:42:48 PM

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From: Edwin Berry [ed@edberry.com](mailto:ed@edberry.com)  
Residence: Bigfork, Montana / USA

Message:

CP7 best represents Montana, follows natural boundaries, and keeps similar areas together.  
CP1 and CP3 do good East-West but are artificial, look staged.

CP5 divides north-central Montana.

CP2, CP4, CP6, CP8, and CP9 are complete nonsense. What were they smoking when they proposed these maps? All these maps are irrational, have too much boundary, split cohesive parts of Montana, and require too much traveling for District 2 candidates.

CP7 best serves all of Montana than any other proposed map by far.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Claudia Bickel  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:32:04 AM

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From: Claudia Bickel  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I support proposals two, six, and eight as these redistricting plans allow for a competitive election. I am less supportive of plan four, as it offers less of a competitive and non-partisan plan. I do not support plans one, three, five, seven, or nine. These plans represent a blatant attempt to sway the state to favor one party. Such plans do not support a healthy democracy. Montana deserves a healthy democratic process.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sandra Birrell  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:41:21 PM

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From: Sandra Birrell [mtbirrell@bresnan.net](mailto:mtbirrell@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:  
Commissioners:

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Map CP 2 is not compact; Map CP3 has a difference nearly 600 people (though within the +/- 1%); CP4 divides 3 counties and is not compact; CP5 has nearly a difference of 4000 people (though technically within the +/- 1%) and isn't compact; CP6 isn't compact and splits 3 counties; CP7 comes in second in meeting the criteria of HB506 though it's compactness is not as good as CP1; CP8 splits 4 counties and fails to meet compactness; CP9 fails to meet the compactness test.

Therefore the best map to consider, a map that best meets the intent of HB506 is Map CP1.

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**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 9:32:30 PM

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From: Steven E. Birrell [sbirrell@bresnan.net](mailto:sbirrell@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

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- Map CP1 – population deviation effectively 0%, is compact and keeps split counties to only 2.
- Map CP 2 – is not compact.
- Map CP3 – population difference is nearly 600 people (though within the +/- 1%).
- Map CP4 – is not compact and divides 3 counties.
- Map CP5 – population deviation is nearly 4000 people (though within the +/- 1%) and is not compact.
- Map CP6 – is not compact and splits 3 counties.
- Map CP7 – population deviation is very small, is compact although skewed and splits only 1 county.
- Map CP8 – is not compact and splits 4 counties.
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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christian Black  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 8:15:41 PM

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From: Christian Black  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Please ensure that we have a fair map with a competitive district for the next decade.

Thanks

Christian Black

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**From:** [Carol Blake](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I prefer....  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 11:55:00 AM

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Regarding the re-districting.....

I would like to see either Map 2, 6 or 8 be adopted. They seem to offer the most equitable outcomes.

I do not support any of the others, which would be un-balanced and would not represent ALL of the residents of Montana.

Carol Blake  
Eureka, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laura blatz  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 2:20:03 PM

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From: Laura blatz  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

I like any design that evenly divides the population number without separating the main western cities or breaking up any reservations. I looked at several that seemed to meet those criteria. The map looks rather skewed but by factoring in population numbers you can see that it is quite evenly divided. By keeping the main western cities in one district, each political party also is given a fair chance to be represented.

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**From:** [tbolten56@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tbolten56@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Timothy Bolten](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Montana's Congressional Map  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 10:00:39 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Based on the 2020 census results Montana will now have two seats in the House of Representatives. I would like to express my support for Congressional District Commission Proposal 2 - CP2. Proposal 2 has the benefit of not splitting a county and creating districts with similar geo-political interests.

Sincerely,  
Tim Bolten

Sincerely,  
Timothy Bolten  
4204 Barbara Ln Missoula, MT 59803-1113  
[tbolten56@yahoo.com](mailto:tbolten56@yahoo.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Edward Scott Bosse  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:45:01 AM

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From: Edward Scott Bosse  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I believe alternative C4 is the best option for splitting up Montana's two congressional districts because the new western district is geographically compact, it does not split up counties, it is politically competitive, and it combines counties and communities that share common values and common economic interests.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Greg L Bovee  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 6:21:36 PM

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From: Greg L Bovee  
Residence: Jefferson City Mt. 59638

Message:

Map 1 ...not into gerrymandering, so that a District 2 (east) would have to travel NW Montana to SE Montana, to much area to cover. Thank you

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Blakeland Bowen  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:54:43 PM

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From: Blakeland Bowen  
Residence: Victor montana

Message:

My family and I have lived in montana our entire lives. There's finally a chance for democratic voices to be heard. Please for the sake of democracy let there be a competitive district for the house of representatives.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tyler D Bowen  
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:11:09 PM

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From: Tyler D Bowen  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I feel that map CP9 best fits all of the criteria laid out by our Montana Constitution. It links various "communities of interest" including the two flagship Universities in the state, and all of the reservations. The population split is almost nonexistent (1 person) to provide equal representation. The map is compact and contiguous, with only 1 county split, and it is done to avoid splitting the Flathead Reservation that is split between Missoula and Lake County.

As a 5th generation Montanan, it's important to me that we continue to follow the guidance that has been laid out before us to ensure fair and equal representation for all Montanans.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth Bradley  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 8:03:03 AM

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From: Elizabeth Bradley Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

I support CP-2 as a new congressional district.

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**From:** [Megan Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Map 8  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:10:13 PM

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I am writing to express my preference for the MAP 8 proposal from the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission.

Map 8 is geographically balanced, population equal, and competitive in a way that reflects the political leanings of Montanans: a new R+3 1st district, and an R+37 2nd district led by incumbent Matt Rosendale. It is the only proposal currently under consideration which creates a new district with exactly the same partisan lean as the state as a whole (R+0), and it also provides the incumbent with a solid R+37 district that the Republican party should easily hold onto in future elections.

- Megan Bradley, Butte, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Darby Bramble  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:31:54 PM

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From: Darby Bramble  
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:  
Please keep things fair to represen ur MT Cp-3.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathy Braunberger  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:48:20 AM

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From: Kathy Braunberger  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Dear Commission Members: Please don't allow gerrymandering in our state. Every voter needs to have their say. We need to ensure that we have a fair map with a competitive district for the next decade.

We must stop the Republicans from gerrymandering Montana and drawing districts that don't represent Montana but instead are drawn to benefit their party.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Diane Brawner  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:57:17 PM

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From: Diane Brawner [dbrawner726@gmail.com](mailto:dbrawner726@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I strongly support fairness and non-gerrymandering for determining the boundaries for the legislative districts for the house. It's unconscionable that consideration would be even considered much less implemented if they promote splitting cities like Bozeman and Missoula or Kalispell to achieve a gerrymandering result in favor of one party over the other. The state of Montana should be divided east to west as it tends to vote. And no city or county should be split in order to gain advantage for one party over the other. I am counting on this commission to be fair in its decisions.

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**From:** [jacqueline\\_brazil@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jacqueline_brazil@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jacqueline Brazil](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]How to Make Districts Fair and Functional  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:00:59 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I have lived in Montana most of my life, and love it for many reasons. Most of all, I love Montana for its people. As a confirmed independent, I have friends whose views span the political range, and even in this time of polarization, we gather, talk, and share our ideas about what is best for Montana, the best state. Our mutual respect is a product of the Montana values I hold so dear. As you work to choose a map that reflects those values, I respectfully ask that you choose Map CP9. I believe this one is most likely to preserve these values, and help us to support legislators who will hear and represent us as we deal with all the difficult issues that the coming years may bring. Thank you for your receptivity.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Brazil  
218 Canyon Creek Rd Hamilton, MT 59840-9313  
[jacqueline\\_brazil@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline_brazil@hotmail.com)



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Charles K Brewer  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:13:34 AM

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From: Charles K Brewer ckbrewer01@gmail.com  
Residence: Florence Montana

Message:

I support redistricting plans that are close to 1) equal in population, 2) follow county boundaries as close as possible, and 3) include at least two tribal nations in each district. I strongly support fair plans that are competitive enough to have diverse opinions heard and represented.

Given these criteria, I support plan #8 the most followed, in order of support, by #6, #2, #9, and #4. I do not support any of the other plans.

I have five generations of my family in Montana and I feel this redistricting process is extremely important for the future of the State.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anna C Brewer  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 1:19:51 PM

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From: Anna C Brewer [acbanna1@gmail.com](mailto:acbanna1@gmail.com)  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

In looking at the information for the would-be MT congressional districts, i think proposal 4 or 8 look to be the best proposals. The rest are proportioned oddly and with more emphasis on one party.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Melinda P Bridgewater  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:08:04 PM

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From: Melinda P Bridgewater melindaanaconda@aol.com  
Residence: Anaconda

Message:

I am in favor of Proposal 8 in the Montana Redistricting. I feel it is the best way for the Native American Reservations getting so representation in the voting process. thank You,  
Melinda Bridgewater  
melindaanaconda@aol.com

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: John Brock  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 5:48:02 PM

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From: John Brock [john.m.brock@outlook.com](mailto:john.m.brock@outlook.com)  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I have lived in Missoula for the past five years during which I have come to appreciate the willingness of Montanas to help their neighbors while sometimes becoming concerned about the narrowness by which "neighbor" may be understood.

I applaud the commission for defining the four non-statutory goals and trust that you are paying due attention to the statutory goals. The four goals are succinct, understandable; they are all important.

That said, I, and many others, have come to see "us vs them" as a barrier to good governance. Conversations begin with individuals and lead to representatives who can bring those conversations to their work. Avoiding conversations through lack of competition exacerbates "us vs them" because ideas too easily remain unexamined.

Competitiveness need not lead to division, it is, I trust a solution to division. Of the four goals, competitiveness matters most to me.

So, I support maps that establish at least one competitive district. Among the ones proposed, maps 9 and map 6 are particularly strong in meeting this goal. Not only are these maps competitive, but they do a good job of keeping communities of interest together.

It is true that these could result in a rural-urban divide in Montana representation in the House. That seems an unavoidable reality beyond the ability of the Commission to resolve. Perhaps it is a worthy challenge for our representation to address as they represent Montana in Congress.

Thank you so much for the hard work that the Commission has done to date. It's hard work in a hard time and you deserve, and I hope are receiving, credit for what you have accomplished.

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**From:** [roseb813@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:roseb813@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rose Marie Brock](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]My Choices for Congressional Map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:32:08 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.After studying the maps AND the criteria/goals of the Commission, here are my thoughts.

1. I reject any of the maps that don't meet the criteria ( 1, 3 5 7) especially those that don't meet the equal population goal.
2. Having lived in the Central, Eastern and Southwest Montana parts of Montana for the better part of 50 years, I am in favor of any plan that further unites . Also, listening to my sons' experience, both participated in Boys State ( one in Boys Nation), it is clear that Montanans need to come together and appreciate ALL of Montana. the best way to do that is to have 2 Representatives who both understand the needs of all Montanans- not just the Eastern or Western parts. With that understanding, working with the Senators, the representation will benefit all of Montana; I believe there will be more cooperation if each Rep is facing similar constituent concerns.
- 3 It is critical that each seat understands and represents the Native American constituents. It is also critical that no reservation has split representation; the needs are too great to further complicate their representation. I believe there will be more cooperation between the Representatives if they face common issues; they can accomplish more working TOGETHER than trying to compete for the " Indian country" vote, Each one will be held accountable everyday and not just when it's election season.
4. The issue of Minority Rights and Voting Rights is most important. Right now we have some members of one party trying to pull together an Audit of the 2020 election because they didn't like the results of the elections around Missoula. They weren't happy to get all the statewide seats, 2 or the 3 congressional seats, they want to overthrow the elections they lost. That party may not like my vote but once elected, the Representatives have to represent all of us. This is not how it feels now and that needs to change. I may not have voted for a particular party, but once elected I expect them to represent me as well. I expect them to speak to every news outlet and come to any town they represent and meet with any of those constituents.

For those reasons, I favor CP8 as my first choice; second choice would be CP4. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Rose Brock, 7300 Trenton Street, Butte, [roseb813@gmail.com](mailto:roseb813@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Rose Marie Brock  
7300 Trenton St Butte, MT 59701-7451  
[roseb813@gmail.com](mailto:roseb813@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: ELIZABETH BROWARD-SOUZA  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:48:50 PM

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From: ELIZABETH BROWARD-SOUZA IHATEWINTER2@PROTONMAIL.COM  
Residence: BELGRADE, MT

Message:  
I FULLY SUPPORT COMMISSION PROPOSAL CP1.

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**From:** [Jake Brown](#)  
**To:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**Subject:** [spam]Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:46:43 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Jake Brown and I've lived in Helena for the past 6 years.

My biggest priority is not unduly favoring a political party

I support maps 6, 8, and 9.

Thank for your time and consideration.

Regards,  
Jake Brown  
1029 E 6th Ave  
Helena, MT 59601

**From:** [merlin4180@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:merlin4180@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jeff Brown](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please choose wisely and with integrity  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:24:45 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commission,

I would like express my support for option 2, 4, 6, OR 9. I believe that either of these would provide a good, fair, and common sense districting for such a large state. Rural and urban communities have different issues that are most important to them and it's also not right to split towns or counties or reservations up. That's why I believe any of these 4 would work wel for this great state!

Thanks!  
Jeff Brown

Sincerely,  
Jeff Brown  
5409 Bigfork Rd Missoula, MT 59803-9515  
[merlin4180@hotmail.com](mailto:merlin4180@hotmail.com)



**From:** [dudlomfg@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dudlomfg@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Pete Brown](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:13:23 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to support Map CP6. It is competitive between the two major parties, represents urban and rural populations and keeps the reservations continuous.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Pete Brown  
220 Wallace St Helena, MT 59601-5258  
[dudlomfg@gmail.com](mailto:dudlomfg@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sally Brown  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:50:35 PM

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From: Sally Brown  
Residence: Springdale, MT

Message:

My favorite district is 8, but I also like 4 or 9. It has to be somewhat fair in how it's done & this seems like the 3 best. Thank you!

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**From:** [Joan Brownell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Districting  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 2:14:23 PM

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Dear redistricting committee members,

I am writing to express my support for redistricting maps #2 ,8, or 9.

Map #2: Keeps all counties intact and also all reservations within on district

Map #8: Competitive districts and tribal support. Keeps communities of interest together

Map #9: Keeps Park and Gallatin County in same district and provides competitive districts

Thank you for your consideration,

Joan L. Brownell  
PO Box 600  
Fishtail MT 59028

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Carol Buchheit  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:13:34 AM

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From: Carol Buchheit <2csbuch@nemont.net>  
Residence: Fort Peck, Montana

Message:

I write you in support of adopting any of redistricting options 2, 4, 6, 8, or 9. I understand that in today's polarized political environment each party is seeking advantage, but while I am Democrat-leaning and do wish to see that party have a chance at future role in governance in Montana, my reasoning is not about power imbalances. Rather, I took a training once in connection with my job that showed the more diverse the opinions/thoughts/experience you include in a process, the better the outcomes. In a nutshell, it is destructive to allow one party to gerrymander for power, steamrolling all alternative contributions to our State. Please do not redistrict without an eye to allowing at least one competitive district within Montana. Thank you.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Robert Bukantis  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:18:09 PM

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From: Robert Bukantis Bob@bukantis.com  
Residence: Helena MT

Message:

I believe there are 2 maps which meet the goals of ensuring fair and balanced elections, without unduly splitting jurisdictions. The maps I believe best support these principles are maps 6 & 9. And for the same reasons I oppose maps 1,3,5, & 7. Thank you!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rod Bullis  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:14:27 AM

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From: Rod Bullis [rodcarol@mt.net](mailto:rodcarol@mt.net)  
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

I am a retired forester who lives in Helena. I feel the process of creating a map that fairly represents Montanans of various ethnic populations, especially our tribal population is significantly important. The maps I feel that do this are 2,4,6,8,9. They are competitive while the other maps are drawn with a clear party preference and little respect or community boundaries.

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**From:** [Donald Burgard](#)  
**To:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**Subject:** [spam]Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:11:40 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I'm Donald J Burgard and I have lived in Flathead County Montana since 1975.

My biggest priority is ensuring competitive districts

The maps that I support are all those with an assessment of 'Competitive' and 'Population Equal' except for #2. That is: 4,6,8,9.

Thanks for your efforts and considerations.

Regards,  
Donald Burgard  
236 3rd Ave W  
Kalispell, MT 59901

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jay Burgess  
**Date:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 2:54:59 PM

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From: Jay Burgess  
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:

I urge you to adopt the CP-1 map for the congressional redistricting of Montana. This proposal is easily the best option for the people of Montana.

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**From:** [Tom Burnett](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Best redistricting map  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:15:59 AM

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Commission members:

I write to enter my support for map #1.

It best adheres to the requirements established in law.

Thank you,

Tom Burnett

Bozeman, MT

406-539-7075

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

**From:** [Elizabeth Burns](#)  
**To:** [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); [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 12:07:58 PM

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Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission Members,

I would like to advocate for maps 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 for these reasons:

- 1) Map 2 is population equal, adheres to county lines, is compact and contiguous, and keeps communities of interest together;
- 2) Maps 2, 4, 6, and 9 are compact and contiguous with equal populations.
- 3) Maps 2, 6, 8, and to a lesser extent 4 and 9 are competitive and give the people of Montana true power in electing officials that will work for them. These candidates will have to campaign and get to know their constituents and will be held accountable if they don't.
- 4) Maps 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 are all population equal.

I would like maps 1, 3, 5, and 7 to be removed from consideration for these reasons:

- 1) Maps 3 and 5 are not population equal and should be thrown out. We have seven maps that are population equal and that was a main criteria selected by the commission in selecting a map.
- 2) Maps that slice through populous counties and divide communities should be thrown out. Missoula and Bozeman contain the flagship universities for the state and have similar interests. Maps 1 and 7 divide up Gallatin county and aim to separate communities with similar needs.
- 3) Maps 1, 3, 5, and 7 favor one party unduly, as both districts are deemed uncompetitive and are disproportionately likely to elect the same party (republicans).

My detailed map ranking adhering to the agreed upon competitive, contiguous, and compact criteria is: 2, 6 and 8.

Thank you for consideration of my comments and for your service in this important decision for all of Montana.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Burns  
35 Hill Brothers Rd.  
Clancy, MT 59634

**From:** [Kay Burt](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prefer map 7  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 8:58:18 AM

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Regardless of one party's chances over the other, the primary focus should be equal population and geographical consideration. The Rocky Mountains represent a divide between two very different parts of the state with very different interests. For the years we had two representatives, the division between eastern and western districts worked very well—I remember and I once worked in the US House. The patchwork, non-geographical maps make no sense to me, particularly since Montanans are independent and often vote across party lines. Equal population is a way fairer way to form districts based on the unique perspectives of the west and eastern parts of the state. Hence, I strongly endorse Map 7

Thank you, Kay Burt. Kalispell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sara Busey  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:34:52 AM

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From: Sara Busey  
Residence: POLSON, MONTANA

Message:  
KEEP DISTRICTS COMPETITIVE. “SAFE” DISTRICTS DELUTE MINORITY VOICE.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ann M Buss  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:48:23 PM

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From: Ann M Buss [ahbingf@gmail.com](mailto:ahbingf@gmail.com)  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I encourage you to consider and vote for Plan #8. Plan 8 has population equality. For those of us, such as myself, who value higher education, almost all the institutions of higher education are in #8.

Thank you for your service and consideration of my recommendation.

Ann Buss

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**From:** [byrnejudy@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:byrnejudy@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Judy Byrne](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please choose Map #CP 2 for Redistricting  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:40:25 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Thank you very much for the important work you are doing to ensure Montana's representation in Congress meets the requirements and priorities of our state.

I urge you to adopt Map #CP 2 for several reasons:

- It keeps the population of each district equal;
- It is competitive, forcing candidates to actually seek support from their constituencies;
- It keeps counties intact, in fact, this is the only map to do so;
- It also keeps communities of interest intact; and
- It promotes the possibility of electing one representative for our urban areas and one for our rural areas.

Again, thank you for your service. I look forward to learning your decision and hope you will ultimately agree with my reasoning.

Sincerely,  
Judy Byrne  
3657 8th Ave S Great Falls, MT 59405-3431  
[byrnejudy@yahoo.com](mailto:byrnejudy@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Janet Cahill](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:21:41 AM

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Dear Commission: Please include areas 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 in the new district. We want our voice to be heard.

Janet Cahill

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

**From:** [speedycbc@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:speedycbc@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Charles Caldwell](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:08:58 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am supporting the choice of Map #6 primarily as this new district includes a reservation in a "highly competitive" district. I believe this would encourage more Native Americans to participate in the election process. After all, it is their country also.

Sincerely,  
Charles Caldwell  
11575 Chumrau Loop Missoula, MT 59802-9542  
[speedycbc@gmail.com](mailto:speedycbc@gmail.com)



**From:** [BHBILL9@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:BHBILL9@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bill CALLAGHAN](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Equitable Montana Congressional Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:28:07 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commisioners,

Montana citizens expect and deserve equality as you establish our new congressional district. We must have the opportunity at a fair and unbiased choice in electing our next congress person. There is entirely to much division in state and national politics. let's show the rest of the country that we Montana citizens can overcome the incredible ongoing tension and restore our democracy so that all people are treated equally. I believe choosing CP# 8 will set Montana back on a much better path.

Thank you for your hard work on this difficult issue.

Sincerely,  
Bill Callaghan

Sincerely,  
Bill CALLAGHAN  
220 Little Basin Creek Rd Butte, MT 59701-9615  
[BHBILL9@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BHBILL9@YAHOO.COM)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Catharine and Robin Carey  
**Date:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 2:53:29 PM

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From: Catharine and Robin Carey  
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

I urge you to accept the redistricting lines on map CP 2. Population is fairly equal in the two proposed Congressional districts. No counties are divided into two districts. I think it is very important that at least one district is fairly competitive between our two main political parties. Therefore all of Missoula and Gallatin counties should be in the same district.

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**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Carlson  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:31:44 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Carlson <garycarlson11@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:26 AM  
To: Kolman, Joe <jkolman@mt.gov>; Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Carlson

Joe and Rachel please put my two cents worth in again on the new districts. Don't complicate things. Go back to the previous two districts that we had. Remember that I survived running that way, and could survive again.

Gary

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Gary K. Carlson, Publisher  
White Hat Express  
garycarlson11@gmail.com

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Joan Carlson  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 4:47:44 PM

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From: Joan Carlson  
Residence: 1283 Rhonda Lane, Victor, MT 59875

Message:  
To: Commissioners  
From: Joan Carlson  
Re: Congressional Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to respectfully submit my support for your approval of redistricting Plan CP1. It provides the most equitable division in population and general demographics of the two districts. CP1 also comes closest to the two Congressional Districts that previously provided excellent representation for the citizens of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan Carlson  
Victor, MT

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marilee Jo Carlson  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 2:04:12 PM

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From: Marilee Jo Carlson [jadedmarilee@yahoo.com](mailto:jadedmarilee@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Billings, Montana 59102

Message:

I would prefer that one issue to be looked at is the less complicated the better so maps should reflect not one political party's advantage over another but what is going to be good for the state. Just dividing it in half makes the most sense but given for the most part that means that more reservations will be in one district than another than seems rather like a strange contrivance given the DNC typically goes to all of them and gives out gift cards, money and other corrupt "goodies" to get them to vote straight DNC party tickets. It is my understanding that this is highly illegal and needs to stop immediately. The left sure loves to cheat in elections and maybe if they put forth good ideas for the state as a whole rather than attempt to shove Marxist, communist, socialist, progressive BS down our throats anyway they can, we would all be better off.

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**From:** [Bruce C](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:32:00 AM

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Dear Members of the Districting Commission:

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Bruce Cartwright

Address: Post Office Box 231, Pablo MT 59855

Email address: "[brucec606@gmail.com](mailto:brucec606@gmail.com)"

Telephone number: (406)360-6371

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:32:22 AM

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Telephone number: (406)360-6371

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sandra Casey  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:04:25 PM

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From: Sandra Casey sandycasey50@hotmail.com  
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

When I was a young campaign volunteer, a well respected politician from a kinder, gentler period in Montana's political history told me, the best way to protect our Democratic system of government is "stay informed, be vigilant and VOTE".

That was almost 45 years ago and I have tried to be vigilant, informed voter. In my attempt to stay informed, I have read the information presented about supposed Montana election fraud. I have also read information on the proposed district for our new US Representative. I have voted in every national and state election since I turned 21. I may have missed a couple of city or school board elections, but the point being, I do vote. However, during the last few years it seems it is becoming harder and harder to have my voice heard. I have lived in Montana all of my 72 years and for the very first time, I am concerned my vote won't matter because of political antics and tactics.

I hope those participating in the districting process for the new US Representative will strive for a map that is a fair representation of all Montanans not just one configured to favor a particular belief, party or constituency.

In my past, I was a history teacher and I would always tell my students, the more diverse the representation in a Democratic form of government the better. Acknowledging diversity might be messy but it encourages thinking, communication and perhaps even compromise. If everyone is of the same mindset, it does tend to limit the exchange of differing ideas or points of view.. It tends to limit our critical thinking and problems solving abilities. And over time it can limit our democracy. For that reason, I would hope "diversity" is an important consideration in the districting process. I hope the final map will reflect that there are a variety of beliefs in our state, that we are not all of like minds, and everyone is deserving of a voice,. It is only when we acknowledge diversity, that our Democratic system of government really works. I think too often people in power forget about that concept. I hope you won't forget as your look at those map options.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Katharine Cassidy  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:58:15 PM

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From: Katharine Cassidy [cassidykcc@gmail.com](mailto:cassidykcc@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Katharine Cassidy, I have lived & worked in Bozeman for the past 30+ years.

I feel it is vitally important to keep communities, towns, counties in tact Not splitting them to favor a political party.

Maps 6 or 9, best fills these goals, fairly. These two maps dont split communities, please choose one of these maps for our confessional Districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Duane Catlett  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:07:18 PM

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From: Duane Catlett  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:  
Dear Commissioners,

Please do not split Gallatin County in the redistricting action.

There are several valid reasons for keeping the county as a voting entity, including:

- Counties are never split but are always considered as a whole when redistricting.
- Gallatin County is a rapidly growing part of Western Montana that deserves to be kept whole and not have its voice diluted.
- Gallatin County is now the second largest county in the state, and just like Yellowstone County, should anchor its own congressional district.
- Many maps submitted to the Commission split Gallatin County to ensure there would be no competitive district, this is gerrymandering and not fair to the residents of Gallatin County.
- Residents of Gallatin County share the issues unique to our county.

The Districting and Apportionment Commission must remain independent/non-biased, non-party affiliated as our Constitution intended. This means that partisan maps submitted by the with intent to split Gallatin must not be considered.

Summary:

We believe Gallatin County is an important community of interest in Western Montana that must be kept whole so that its voice is not diluted.

We demand representation for the WHOLE county on these issues that affect us all.

Sincerely,  
Duane Catlett  
238 Falconers Way  
Bozeman, MT

I have lived in Gallatin County since 2016 at 238 Falconers Way, Bozeman.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [Liz Cauthen](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting map CP #8  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 8:48:11 AM

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Hello, I am writing in support of CP# 8. This appears to be the most fair along the population lines and in consideration of business and economic centers; and with this map having support of tribal nations who are historically underrepresented, it seems like a no brainer.

Thank you.

Liz Cauthen  
Manhattan MT resident



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lark Chadwick  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 11:01:19 AM

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From: Lark Chadwick  
Residence: Thompson Falls, MT

Message:  
Montana Law is clear Section 5-1-115, MCA

Map CP-1 best meets the criteria Section 5-1-115, MCA and has the best configuration for compactness where the width and length of both districts are most equal.

I urge you to follow the law drawing the new MT Congressional District and use Map CP-1.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Wayne Chamberlin  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:20:31 PM

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From: Wayne Chamberlin [swchamberlin@yahoo.com](mailto:swchamberlin@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I am a retired physician who has lived in Helena for over forty years.

This commission is charged with not favoring one political party over another. The hyperpartisanship in the US is tearing the country apart. Gerrymandering of US House of Representatives districts is a big part of this division.

I support map options six and nine. This will give some chance of competitive districts.

Thank you for your attention to my message.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Shane Chapman  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 3:22:29 PM

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From: Shane Chapman davidchap@gmail.com  
Residence: Clinton

Message:

I live in Clinton, MT and I would like maps that reflect our communities rather than our political differences. For instance, don't cut school districts boundaries or postal zip codes.

Minimize splitting counties and towns.

I support maps 6 and 9. These are simply the best steps.

Thank you for listening.

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**From:** [mabc729@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mabc729@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Melanie Charlson](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Montana's new Congressional map configuration  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:04:42 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I have reviewed all nine suggested maps to reconfigure our new congressional district.

I am most interested in each district to have near equitable populations and to keep counties and towns/cities in tact as much as possible.

I find Map#2, Map #8 and Map#4, in that order, meet those criteria.

I urge your support of either map 2, 8, or 4.

I thank you for your service to Montana

Sincerely,  
Melanie Charlson  
2502 Sunridge Ct Missoula, MT 59803-2646  
[mabc729@gmail.com](mailto:mabc729@gmail.com)

**From:** [Bert Chessin](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fair District Maps for Montana's future  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:59:34 AM

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## Commissioners

It is noted that Montana is made up of many political, social, and demographic layers. Our history is rich with the push and pull between urban and rural communities, corporate versus populist interests, exemplary honesty and fairness, good governance, and also dark forces working for narrow interests and against a better Montana future.

My hope is that Montana will continue to be represented by strong, informed, and broad-thinking individuals. Given the need for balance and fundamental wholeness to the districting process, I urge you to set district maps that represent Montana well. History will continue to judge Montana by the basic commitment we have to our integrity.

Thank you.

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Bert Chessin  
406.531.5193  
Missoula, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:45:01 PM

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From: Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton Residence: Helena MT

Message:

I would like to see the committee use 2, 4, 6, 8 or 9 for redistricting for congressional districts.

Thank you

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ed Childers  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 7:56:05 AM

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From: Ed Childers [ed.childers@charter.net](mailto:ed.childers@charter.net)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I'd like to have at least one U.S. House legislative district that's competitive.  
I prefer proposal 2, 4, or 6

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**From:** [Georgia C](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map Preference  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 10:39:23 AM

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After reviewing the proposed maps. It appears to me that an east west division as shown in map labeled cp1 would best serve the interests of our state. Please select this map for the redistricting.

Thank you,  
Georgia Christianson  
405 Windward Way  
Kalispell, MT f59901  
406 257 0449



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lisa Clements  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 10:40:54 AM

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From: Lisa Clements [laclements56@gmail.com](mailto:laclements56@gmail.com)  
Residence: Billings MT

Message:

I DONT THINK ITS A GOOD IDEA TO SPLIT BILLINGS IN HALF OR PULL THE UPPER WESTERN INTO EASTERN MONTANA I THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR FOR A STRAIGHT LINE EAST TO WEST DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE STATE AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO ENGINEER AN OUTCOME

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**From:** [Ellen Clifford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:28:15 AM

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We have sent emails supporting maps 2 and 6. We also support map 8.

Paul and Ellen Gayle Clifford  
Three Forks, Mt 59752

**From:** [Ellen Clifford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:30:35 PM

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My husband and I do not feel that map numbers 1,3,4,5,7,8,9 represent both parties to be competitive .

Paul and Ellen Clifford  
Three Forks, Mt

**From:** [Ellen Clifford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:23:12 PM

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My husband and I choose map number 6 as our first choice.

In our opinion this map is most equal to be competitive for both parties.

Paul and Ellen Clifford  
Three Forks, Montana

**From:** [Ellen Clifford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:26:17 PM

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My husband and I choose map number 2 as our second choice.

In our opinions, numbers 6 and 2 best represent both parties to be competitive.

Paul and Ellen Clifford  
Three Forks, Montana

**From:** [jillcohenour@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jillcohenour@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jill Cohenour](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Chose wisely, please  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:19:28 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Thanks so much for your work on behalf of all Montanans. Your job is not easy but so important. I like the attributes of Map#Cp 2 for meeting the important criteria you all set as priorities for your choices. I would support competitive, population equal maps that don't split or minimally split counties unless it's for population equality. I'd also like tribal reservations to remain whole. I really appreciate your commitment to our state and giving the voters a sound and transparent process to engage in. Thanks much -Jill Cohenour,

Sincerely,  
Jill Cohenour  
2610 Colt Dr East Helena, MT 59635-3442  
[jillcohenour@gmail.com](mailto:jillcohenour@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mitchell Compton  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:16:09 PM

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From: Mitchell Compton [mrcomptonjr@gmail.com](mailto:mrcomptonjr@gmail.com)  
Residence: Heron

Message:  
Good morning,

My name is Mitchell "Sandy" Compton and I have lived in Heron, Montana nearly since I was born. My grandparents settled in the Clark Fork Valley in 2017.

It seems that proposals 6 and 9 match the goals of the commission best, particularly when considering not dividing communities.

I believe that 9 is the best option. It seems that this proposal matches the goals of division of population, the unity of communities and political equity.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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**From:** [James R. Conner](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment, proposed congressional district maps.  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 3:06:22 PM

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Commissioner Smith, Commissioners Essmann, Lamson, Miller, Stusek:

## I. The technical quality of the nine proposed maps is poor and unacceptable.

(1) Neither the PDF nor the online my [districting.com](#) [[districting.com](#)] maps contain sufficient detail for citizens to render an informed opinion. Highways and cities and towns are omitted. The county names are followed with MT, which is redundant and unnecessary. The online maps are obscured with little spheres corresponding to comments. I had to consult non-commission maps to understand the commission's maps well enough to comment on them.

(2) The color scheme for the PDF maps — pale shades of red and green with almost identical brightnesses, and a yellow line for district boundaries — is hard on citizens with deficient color vision ( $\approx 5\text{--}8\%$  of men,  $\approx 0.5\%$  of women).

**Recommendation:** the final map should comply with federal accessibility standards (<https://www.usability.gov/get-involved/blog/2010/02/color-blindness.html> [[usability.gov](#)]).

(3) The supporting tables provide the populations of the districts, but neither the areas (miles<sup>2</sup>), the perimeter to area ratio, or measures of compactness.

(4) There are no maps displaying the current county populations and the county populations for 1980. Those data would provide a useful context for why the east-west boundaries set after 1980 now cannot meet the district population equality standards required by *Wesberry v. Sanders*.

(5) After the 2010 census, the redistricting commission provided the legislative district boundaries as KML (compressed version is KMZ) files that can be imported by Google Earth. That's a tremendously useful format.

**Recommendation:** provide KML files for the final congressional district map and for the yet to come legislative district maps.

## II. I prefer proposed maps six (6) and eight (8), which are functionally equivalent

(1) The districts are functionally identical in population, giving the commission the ability to relax population equivalence by a few hundred persons to better keep communities together.

(2) District 1 for both maps lean Republican but are politically competitive according to [fivethirtyeight.com](#) [[fivethirtyeight.com](#)]. The table below displays 538's competitiveness ratings.

538 Partisan Lean



Map D-1 D-2  
1 R 18 R 23  
2 R 5 R 35  
3 R 18 R 23  
4 R 8 R 34  
5 R 15 R 24  
6 R 4 R 35  
7 R 18 R 23  
8 R 3 R 37  
9 R 5 R 35

(3) Political competitiveness, meaning the major parties candidates have an approximately equal chance of winning, ensures that campaigns for political office are robust marketplaces of ideas and policy proposals. They foster the innovations for improving society that maintain a democracy. One-party rule, which defines non-competitive districts, shrinks the marketplace of ideas, narrowing its intellectual width. The real contest take place in the primary election of the dominant party. One-party rule diminishes the political and intellectual vitality of a congressional district in the same way that intellectual vitality is diminished in a family that has too many kissing cousins.

(4) Maps 6 and 8 are highly faithful to county lines and existing governmental divisions, and do not seem to split communities. Map 8 may include a small section of Billings — it's hard to tell given the lack of detail in the maps. If cities are split, the carveouts should be minimized.

(5) **Members of Congress represent people**, not cows, not pigs, not junkyards, not coal mines, not hayfields, not rivers, not lakes, not mountains, not prairies. Because district boundaries must consolidate communities, it does not matter whether boundaries cross mountain ranges or rivers.

(6) Montana would be better off with one two-seat at large district with ranked choice elections. I note this for the record because that scheme requires changing federal law and amending Montana's constitution.

James R. Conner

78 Konley DR  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
406-249-2780 (text is best)  
[jrc.kalispell@gmail.com](mailto:jrc.kalispell@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kenneth Cook  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:31:38 AM

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From: Kenneth Cook  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I like the east west split, the best representation of that is Map 3. However please do not split counties. Any counties.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ken and Peggy Cook  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 6:57:16 PM

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From: Ken and Peggy Cook  
Residence: HELENA Montana

Message:

Please make the new districts for representatives equal and unbiased for one side or the other, it is the American way. Let Montana be a shining example of working for democracy.

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**From:** [Peggy Cordell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sensible  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 1:45:41 PM

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This one makes the most sense to me as a voter.

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Nancy Cornwell  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 5:20:59 PM

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From: Nancy Cornwell [crestain@gmail.com](mailto:crestain@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Nancy Cornwell and I have lived in Bozeman for the past nine years.

Keeping communities of interest and proximal geography together is of key interest to me. I am grateful that the MT Constitution also requires this.

In times of growth, like Montana is currently facing, representation for the unique stresses of that growth are essential, just as representation for rural, ranching and farming interests remain essential. All these make up Montana values and traditions old and emerging. These rural and urban interests can butt heads, at times, over pressing contemporary issues facing our state and, thus, I believe it is essential to have representation of each in Congress.

I support Map 2. Maps 6 and 9 are a close second.

Map 2 keeps counties whole, collects up the urban areas who are dealing with new, common challenges, preserves rural communities' collective interests, keeps Native American reservation populations together as a potential voting block when their interest align, and creates a new district that will be competitive politically (not an obvious republican or democratic win, but a real competition). Maps 6 & 9 accomplish many of the same goals, but I am concerned about the split of Missoula County in Map 9 and am concerned about dividing Gallatin and Park counties in Map 6 (there is so much overlap between work and residence in these two counties).

Thank you for taking the time and energy to read and consider, not just my email but all the comments you are receiving. Taking on this important task is a testimony to your commitment to the Montana we are becoming and also aspire to be! Thank you!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Colleen Costigan-Daniels  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:36:50 PM

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From: Colleen Costigan-Daniels [cococostigan@mac.com](mailto:cococostigan@mac.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Good Morning, My name is Colleen Costigan-Daniels. I am a Bozeman resident, a mother of two kids, attending public schools in Bozeman. I am also an Artist. My husband and I moved our children up to Montana from a corrupt and now what I feel to be a very dangerous state. I want to voice my thoughts, as I have seen change, not for the good, and I do not intend Montana to follow suit. My mom is from Billings and my roots go as far back as the 1880's with both maternal and paternal great-grandparents, who resided in Butte and Livingston and still have family here in Missoula, Bozeman and Billings.

Map 1 is my choice.

I support Map 1. Being a Bozeman resident, I like the idea of splitting Gallatin county as long as it doesn't run through Bozeman and Belgrade proper. (Which this map does not do). I think Gallatin County represents people from both parties including Independents. Therefore I like that it is split, as this particular county needs to represent both parties. Although, as much as I would like to see the whole county represented in the east, I understand the need to balance the populations of growing areas west of town. Map 1 is the most competitive map for both parties in the choices available. Map 1 resembles the historical divide Montana had for 80 years when we had two districts before, adjusting for population and tribe inclusion. I like Map 1, because it also allows for two reservations to be included within the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

THANK YOU ALL, for taking the time to listen to the people. When government finds themselves in this powerful position, they sometimes feel they know what is best for the people. We need to get back to what this country was founded on. We need to hear the peoples voices. I do appreciate you all – for doing just that. :) Thank you again. Colleen (Coco) Costigan-Daniels

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**From:** [lwaco.walt](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Redistricting Proposals  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 8:29:44 AM

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I would like to vote for proposal 8 with a second choice of proposal 2. Thank you. Jacqueline Crandall Luther Montana

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David Keith Crawford  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:12:57 AM

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From: David Keith Crawford  
Residence: LAUREL, Montana

Message:  
I vote for proposal # 1

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**From:** [Jackson Crawford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Proposed Montana Congressional Maps  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 12:10:50 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am submitting a comment regarding the proposed Montana Congressional maps.

Map #CP 1: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts.

Map #CP 3: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts and would not represent equal populations.

Map #CP 5: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts and would not represent equal populations.

Map #CP 7: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts.

- Jackson Crawford  
A lifelong Montana resident and voter

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Don Creveling  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:53:16 PM

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From: Don Creveling [dcreveling@mahcp.org](mailto:dcreveling@mahcp.org)  
Residence: MISSOULA

Message:

It is very obvious that the GOP district plans are unfair. Please utilize either plans 2, 4, 6, 8, or 9 for fair elections.

Don Creveling

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**From:** [aoibhneas723@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aoibhneas723@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Julie Crowley](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please be fair and make elections competitive.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:23:06 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

After studying and deliberating on which map to choose, No. 8 is the district map that I support. It is imperative that the diverse voices be included in the redistricting and given equal votes in our elections. Anyone interested and fully committed to fair elections, should consider the republican maps very carefully and skeptically as they are gerrymandering once again, in order to just win elections.

Democracy is more important than just winning and is more than just opposing the opposite party. It is about fairness and everyone's right to the pursuit of happiness without the power and control going to a few greedy representatives. The Native voice has been deliberately ignored far too long and this map will include their voices.

Please choose No. 8 for fairness, competitiveness and the future of our democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Julie Crowley  
2901 Harvard Ave Butte, MT 59701-4659  
[aoibhneas723@gmail.com](mailto:aoibhneas723@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Adam Crum  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:46:10 PM

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From: Adam Crum [adamcrum@gmail.com](mailto:adamcrum@gmail.com)  
Residence: Belgrade

Message:  
Use map cp 1 for the project.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jolene Crum  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:13:35 PM

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From: Jolene Crum [jolenecrum@gmail.com](mailto:jolenecrum@gmail.com)  
Residence: Belgrade

Message:

I am writing to voice my support of the map labeled CP1. As a fifth generation Montanan, it makes sense to split the state with an east/west boundary.

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**From:** [cummingsnanette@gmail.com](mailto:cummingsnanette@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP8  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:54:44 PM

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I like proposal 8 the best.

Nanette Cummings  
560 Ten Mile Road  
Cascade, MT 59421  
406-468-9272

**From:** [Nancy Curriden](#)  
**To:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**Subject:** [spam]Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:00:12 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commission,

My name is Nancy Thoren Curriden. I live at 640 Sapphire in Billings, Montana and have lived and worked in the state of Montana since June 1994 (27 years).

My biggest priority is ensuring competitive districts

I support redistricting proposal maps 4, 6 ,and 8, and with some reservation, 9.

I know this has not been an easy job, partisanship is hard to set aside. Thank you for your efforts at that, and for your time and consideration in taking my opinion into account.

Regards,  
Nancy Curriden  
640 Sapphire Ave  
Billings, MT 59105

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Coburn Currier  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 10:46:23 AM

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From: Coburn Currier  
Residence: Helena

Message:

The Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission has 9 maps they are considering for creating 2 Congressional districts.

Out of all of them, only CP-2 has equal populations, maintains county boundaries, is contiguous and has a district that is actually competitive – meaning either a Republican or Democrat has a decent chance of winning. All other maps fail to meet these criteria. Most guarantee Republicans solid majorities for both seats. Please consider this my strong support for CP-2. This is the fairest choice.

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**From:** [Steve Custer](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Map  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:29:34 PM

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Clearly, there is no perfect map. I think it is a bad idea to split counties because the county unit is the fundamental unit of election administration for most purposes. Keeping counties in one district will simplify elections and keep election costs lower. I support the idea that native American tribal units should be respected, and kept separate so they are a unit. Unfortunately both of these principles are not met by any of the 9 maps. I live in Gallatin County, outside of Bozeman and do not want the Gallatin County split into multiple districts. Given that there is no perfect map available, **I lean toward Map 9 because it creates the smallest number of county divisions while respecting tribal boundaries.** I lived in Missoula County for a while and am sad that any county division is required there at all. (Map 9 divides Missoula County to accommodate the Flathead Tribe, which makes some sense). Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Stephan G. Custer  
39 Swiftwater Drive  
Bozeman, MT  
59715

**From:** [Sue Dailey](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:56:58 AM

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Dear redistricting committee members,

I am writing to express my support for redistricting maps #2 ,8, or 9.

I feel that these maps do the best in addressing my concerns, which are the following:

- 1) Population sizes are equal and the districts are the most competitive.
- 2) Communities of interest are kept together, especially university communities.
- 3) Park and Gallatin Counties remain intact and are included in the western district. These two counties are interwoven both socially and economically.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Susan C. Dailey  
247 Shields River Road East;  
Livingston, MT 59047  
406-223-8469

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Connie Dale  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:44:05 PM

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

Message:

During the 2021 legislative session, the Montana legislature passed HB506 which addressed how the two Congressional districts SHALL be divided and was signed into LAW by Governor Gianforte on 5/14/21.

The MDAC MUST FOLLOW THE LAW ON THIS ISSUE!

SUPPORT MAP CP1. IT'S THE ONLY MAP THAT FULLY MEETS THE INTENT OF HB506. It has a difference of only 1 person between the two congressional districts, it divides only 2 counties, and it is the MOST COMPACT of the 9 proposed maps with the north-south and east-west dimensions being the most equal, it divides up the Canadian Border and the Native American Reservations.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Connie Dale  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:14:03 PM

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From: Connie Dale  
Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:  
FOLLOW THE LAW!! VOTERS ARE LASER FOCUSED.....

Districts must be as equal in population as is practicable (Article 1, Section 2, U.S. Constitution).

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

Each district shall be contiguous, meaning that a district must be in one piece. (Article 5, Section 14 of the Montana Constitution). Areas that meet only at points of adjoining corners shall not be considered contiguous. Areas separated by natural geographical or artificial barriers that prevent transportation by vehicle on a maintained road shall be avoided when not in conflict with the commission's adopted criteria and goals.

No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Thomas Dalton  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:53:19 PM

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From: Thomas Dalton [tdaltonjr@bresnan.net](mailto:tdaltonjr@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Kalispell MT

Message:  
map CP1 appears to be the best layout and Numbers

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**From:** [Linda DeBourg](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:51:07 PM

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Upon looking at the proposed redistricting maps, it seems that Map No. 8 offers the best chance for my vote to be counted. After all, that is all we really want or why bother? Thank you for your consideration. This should be seen by all of our legislators: Maylinn Smith, Jeff Essmann, Dan Stusek, Joe Lamson and Kendra Miller, please.

**From:** [Susan DeBree](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Map choice  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:01:01 PM

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Dear Commission Members,

I support configuration # 6 as a choice that keeps reservations intact (I've lived and taught on the Flathead and Blackfeet and know that's important to them). It is competitive for both Republican and Democrat choices (I grew up believing both sides are important, need to be heard and respected and that when and if we can hear each other, we may come up with better governance for the common good than either alone). It also holds most counties together. Thank you for your hard, non-partisan work to make elections fair, free and accessible for all our citizens.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Su DeBree  
428 Wilder Ave.  
Helena

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Devon Decker  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 1:06:07 PM

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From: Devon Decker [devonadecker@protonmail.com](mailto:devonadecker@protonmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:

I like CP1 Congressional district map the best. I feel this map best follows Montana State law as far as population deviation, compactness, and contiguity.

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**From:** [Grace Decker](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map 8 for a stronger MT  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 9:54:33 AM

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To the Commission,

Thank you for your work.

Map #8 has my support. Montana is a very large state with its population extremely unevenly dispersed. Maps that “look” evenly split—often aren’t in the ways that matter. Montana is also a state with a long history of mixed politics. Until very recently, our politics have been “purple.” Any map that increases the polarization in our politics will result in many Montanans not having representation at all, and unfortunately, that would mean that many of our most vulnerable people, including our Tribes, would be come more invisible.

Map 8 doesn’t have straight lines, but it DOES deal, straight up, with the realities of our population and our perspectives.

Please support Map #8.

Thank you.

Grace Decker,  
Missoula MT

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Michael J DeFeo  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 2:54:45 PM

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From: Michael J DeFeo  
Residence: Haddonfield

Message:  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Byron DeFord  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:58:04 AM

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From: Byron DeFord bdef123@yahoo.com

Residence: Helena

Message:

I want to let you know I support these proposals. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 these proposals support democracy.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Aeden DeGraw  
**Date:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:15:17 AM

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From: Aeden DeGraw  
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

I am writing to strongly encourage using CP-2 as the new Montana congressional district. The district lines are by county and about equal in population. The first district is also competitive which allows the 45% that are left-leaning in this state to have a voice some of the time. The 1st district still partly leans right and the 2nd would be strongly republican, but the first would be possible for a moderate Democrat to win. These are Montana values and it's important we don't have gerrymandered districts. I strongly hope the commission chooses CP-2.

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**From:** [Dorothy DeHart](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] map proposals  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:01:58 PM

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I am writing to express my opinion for the redistricting of Montana as we add a second district. Reviewing the maps and the information provided, the map 2 appears to be the most balanced and competitive with the lines following the county lines making it easier for the public to understand which district they are living in. The other maps that appear to be most balanced are maps 4, 6, 8 and 9. Thank you for considering my input. Dorothy E. DeHart

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

**From:** [d37dellwo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:d37dellwo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Doug Dellwo](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Be fair  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:26:36 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.CP2 would be my choice. I does not split any counties and also creates a competitive race. It is the only map of the choices that does not split any counties.

Sincerely

Doug Dellwo

Sincerely,  
Doug Dellwo  
903 5th Ave Helena, MT 59601-4443  
[d37dellwo@charter.net](mailto:d37dellwo@charter.net)

**From:** [Vicki Dennison](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:26:48 AM

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Dear Members of the Districting Commission:

I am a citizen of the state of Montana and I am submitting this email as my written testimony to express my opinion regarding the upcoming decision to be made by the Commission concerning the proposed Congressional Districts. I respectfully request it be made a part of the official record of the Commission and be considered during your deliberations. I have reviewed the various maps and believe that Map CP-1 (<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Districting/2020/Maps/Congressional/Commission-Proposals/cp1-congressional-october-19.pdf>) is the most appropriate choice for Montana in that it follows the law established in House Bill 506 ([https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/HB0599/HB0506\\_X.pdf](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/HB0599/HB0506_X.pdf)) passed during the most recent session of our Legislature.

Map CP-1 has the best configuration for compactness where the width and length of both districts are most equal. It has the minimal difference in populations between the two districts (plus or minus one). It divides the fewest number of counties (2). CP-1 is the only map that best follows the intent of HB 506, which is the express will of the citizens of Montana. I believe that our Congressional districts must be formulated in accordance with HB 506.

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Vicki P. Dennison  
32345 Red Horn Road  
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406-210-4663

**From:** [Vicki Dennison](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Congressional District Maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:27:17 AM

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**From:** [Steve Dennison](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Dan Stusek](#); [Jeff Essmann](#); [Joe Lamson](#); [Kendra Miller](#); [maylin.smith@mtleg.gov](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana's New Congressional District  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:08:33 AM

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"TO: Montana Districting Commission

CC: [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov), [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov), [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov), [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov), [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)

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Steve Dennison  
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2135075109

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Becky Denton  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:18:35 AM

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From: Becky Denton [beckydenton@gmail.com](mailto:beckydenton@gmail.com)

Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Hi my name is Becky, and I would like to submit a request that you endorse Commission Proposal Map CP-1 For the fair redistricting that will impact congressional seats for Montana. Thank you so much for your consideration, Becky Denton

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**From:** [Bailey Derby](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment for Proposed Montana Congressional Maps!  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:27:38 PM

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Hello,

I am a lifelong Montana resident concerned about the proposed Montana congressional maps.

Map #CP 1: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts.

Map #CP 3: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts and would not represent equal populations.

Map #CP 5: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts and would not represent equal populations.

Map #CP 7: this map is not a balanced map and should not be used to determine Montana's Congressional districts. It would create non-competitive districts.

Thank you for your consideration!

Bailey Derby  
Bozeman, MT  
lifelong MT resident and voter

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: BERNADINE DESHAW  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:04:52 AM

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From: BERNADINE DESHAW [bdeshaw@nemont.net](mailto:bdeshaw@nemont.net)  
Residence: PLENTYWOOD

Message:

Please vote NO on maps 2, 4, 6, 8, & 9  
Please vote YES on maps 1, 3, 5, & 7

Thank you,  
Benadine DeShaw

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**From:** [Sue Devlin](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:21:58 AM

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I believe that #8 is the best solution. It is population equal and competitive  
Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:go.microsoft.com) for Windows

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Faith DeWaay  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:23:30 PM

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From: Faith DeWaay [fdewaay@centurylink.net](mailto:fdewaay@centurylink.net)  
Residence: Butte, MT

Message:  
I like maps 1 and 3.

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**From:** [Vicki Dickinson](#)  
**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  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 12:05:16 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission-

Thank you for your tireless work on this. I realize that this is not an easy decision to make. I would like to offer my opinion on redistricting. I really like the idea of map # 8. It is all in one piece and will allow our reservations to have a much-needed voice in Montana. It also seems that communities of interest are intact. Thanks again for your work.

Vicki Dickinson  
Billings Montana  
vdickinson61@hotmail.com

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Pamela Diedrich  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 5:53:54 PM

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From: Pamela Diedrich Residence: Butte

Message:

I support map number two as the new boundaries for our two Congressional districts. My main reason for this choice is this specific map's boundaries provides fair and equal political representation for Montana voters. It allows both major political parties to have a voice in Montana's political representation. It also does not split any city or county.

Second, I live in Butte, MT and I find splitting Bozeman into a different district than Butte splits two communities of like interests for the following reasons:

1. Bozeman is one of Butte's closest major shopping options.
2. Frequently Butte residents have to travel to Bozeman to access health care facilities for services not available in Butte.
3. Butte and Bozeman share a free (non-cable) tv news channel. Every night we hear all about Bozeman's city problems and they hear about ours. Butte and Bozeman mountains brings the same weather and travel issues. We share the Homestake pass and all of its winter woes.
4. Butte and Bozeman have similar wildlife (hunting and fishing) and land management issues.
5. Finally, Butte loves Bozeman.

Please do not split Butte and Bozeman into two different districts. The citizens in the two mountain towns need to be represented by the same Congress person in order to make good decisions for the people and the environment they live in.

Thank you,  
Pamela Diedrich

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Diane Dietsch  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:21:09 AM

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From: Diane Dietsch [dianedietsch@gmail.com](mailto:dianedietsch@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I am in favor of Commission Proposal Map CP-1 as it follows precedent with an east/west division and divides the least amount of counties.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Richard Larry Dill  
**Date:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:28:25 AM

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From: Richard Larry Dill  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I fully support CP 2 as being the fairest redistricting option that would enfranchise the most Montana voters. The other options under consideration would effectively disenfranchise a significant number of voters by pre-determining the outcome, and that should not be the goal of this committee.

Montana has a rich tradition of embracing whichever idea is the best one rather than blindly voting along party lines, and this native Montana asks that this committee uphold that tradition by adopting CP 2 as the best option.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jerry DiMarco  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:41:42 PM

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From: Jerry DiMarco [jerrydimarco@mail.com](mailto:jerrydimarco@mail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

CP4 seems to have the most potential for fairly representing the diversity of Montana's citizens. The arm sticking west into Flathead County seems excessively long, and is the object of many negative comments. Perhaps it could be pulled back a little by putting Broadwater County and the upper portions of Lewis and Clark and Powell Counties in the Eastern District. That would be my suggestion for the new Congressional district boundaries. I thank the Commissioners for their time and efforts.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Colter Dimas  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 9:37:04 PM

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From: Colter Dimas colterdimas@yahoo.com  
Residence: Belgrade, Montana

Message:

CP-1 is the best option for our state. Eastern Montana and western Montana are divided as close as possible. It will set these representatives up to best serve their districts

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Renee S Dimler  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:11:20 AM

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From: Renee S Dimler reneesuz07@gmail.com

Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Map 1 with East and west broken out display not only proportional boundaries but also is the most equitable division of the population. I vote for this map. The other maps that selectively circle only counties that have the same party affiliation is a gross display of partisanship rather than an effort to equally divide the population into two simple districts that can speak their voice. It's already regrettable that our population has risen so drastically to require another seat, but more concerning is the bickering and division among party lines. I feel like I'm listening to my children. Simple, east/west, evenly distributed has my vote. The job wasn't to pile all the left leaning counties and college towns into one district, it was to create two districts in Montana. Stacking the cards in ones favor is a form of cheating, is it not? Fair competition never hurt anyone. We need to relearn the importance of winning on merit and fairly, not by manufacturing benefit on our side. Part of growing up and being an adult is to live life on life's terms. So let's act with a little dignity and vote on a map that is symmetrical, evenly divided by as many whole counties as possible to achieve the most evenly divided number of people yet create the least amount of division in our state.

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**From:** [Deepinsidetheforest](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map CP-1  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 10:21:47 AM

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My name is Jon M Dishaw,  
After reviewing all the maps for redistricting, I fully support CP-1. This should meets all the requirements and give a fair voice to Montanans. Thank You for your time,  
Respectfully,  
Jon M Dishaw  
Plains MT.  
406-826-0304

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Nicholas John Dobbel  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:09:27 PM

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From: Nicholas John Dobbel [njdobbel@tutanota.com](mailto:njdobbel@tutanota.com)  
Residence: Roberts MT.

Message:

Map 5 is the most reasonable way to divide our State. It keeps all but two counties intact.

Thank you!

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**From:** [kdodge@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kdodge@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rebekka Dodge](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Montana's independent Districting and Apportionment  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:22:49 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.It is very important to our state to have maps that are fair and competitive, not maps drawn to benefit either party. I feel it is important to one urban seat and one rural seat. It is important that Indian reservations are represented and NOT split. Please make sure the populations are equal and competitive - something similar to the 1980s congressional line. There is a lot at stake and we don't need this to be political. Our state is diverse and needs to be treated appropriately.

Sincerely,  
Rebekka Dodge  
5700 York Rd Helena, MT 59602-6441  
[kdodge@aol.com](mailto:kdodge@aol.com)



**From:** [jakedolan1@gmail.com](mailto:jakedolan1@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [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] Feedback on proposed maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:48:42 AM

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Greetings,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback directly to you.

I oppose maps 1, 3, 5, 7 because of the following:

- Divides Gallatin county (maps: 1,3,7)
- Split communities of interest in my county (maps: 1,3,5,7)
- Do not meet the requirement that the districts be equal in population as practicable (maps: 3, 5).
- Districts are drawn to heavily favor the Republican party, creating two uncompetitive districts. (maps: 1,3,5,7)

I support maps 2, 4, 8, 9 due to the following:

- Districts are equal in population as practicable.
- Gallatin county is not divided and our communities of interest remain intact.
- Each creates one district that is competitive for both major political parties.

Montanans deserve to keep our communities of interest intact and to have a competitive choice when electing our representatives.

Kind regards,

Jake Dolan  
579 W. Shore Drive  
Belgrade, MT 59714  
(406) 570-3068

**From:** [jerry downey](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting maps  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:26:50 PM

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Dear redistricting committee,

This is to express support for two of the redistricting maps, number 4 and number 9. Both are population equal, both are contiguous, both more or less follow county lines, and number four keeps communities of interest together as well as keeping reservations together.

Please accept my gratitude for your attentiveness on this important work.

Sincerely,

Jerry Downey  
1249 Willow Creek Rd., Corvallis, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Karl Drga  
**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 3:48:24 PM

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From: Karl Drga [kdrga99@gmail.com](mailto:kdrga99@gmail.com)  
Residence: Miles City,MT

Message:  
I want CP-1.

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**From:** [driscollmaureen748@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:driscollmaureen748@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maureen Driscoll](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:07:00 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of MAP #CP 2. I did some reading on the [https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_http://fivethirtyeight.com\\_!!GaaboA!9zmQUeyWrNY3L6sZk8Qbliv1nH\\_pMJX-1cjdUoK-466L5zAdXnft4wSwM8ASm8q8Q\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_http://fivethirtyeight.com_!!GaaboA!9zmQUeyWrNY3L6sZk8Qbliv1nH_pMJX-1cjdUoK-466L5zAdXnft4wSwM8ASm8q8Q$) website and their competitiveness analysis of the proposed maps shows that MAP 2 has the likelihood of at least one competitive seat in the southwest portion. Their analysis shows that the other seat is very likely to be 'ruby red' (Republican). I feel it is imperative that Montanans have a least one competitive Congressional House seat. Many Montanans like me feel we have no representation in the House.

The other important feature of MAP 2 is that it is the only map that does not split any counties. I feel this is crucial in a Congressional race.

I am a retired public school teacher and now work part time for Butte-Silver Bow County during election seasons. It is very exciting that Montana now gets a second Congressional seat, but let's not mess up this opportunity to let voters pick their leaders instead of having the leaders picking their voters.

Thank you in advance,  
Maureen Driscoll  
Butte, MT

Sincerely,  
Maureen Driscoll  
1932 Wall St Butte, MT 59701-5524  
[driscollmaureen748@gmail.com](mailto:driscollmaureen748@gmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve Durrett  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:43:03 PM

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From: Steve Durrett [durrett4@augustusenergy.com](mailto:durrett4@augustusenergy.com)  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

I voice my support for Option 7. It is the most straight forward option, a clean east-west split with virtually equal populations on each side.

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**From:** [Dorcie Dvarishkis](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting map options  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 10:03:37 PM

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Commission members,

I most appreciate maps 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 as presenting fair and competitive redistricting options. Thank you for inviting our input.

Gratefully,

Dorcie D.

The Ven. Dorcie Kafka Dvarishkis, she/her  
Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of Montana  
406-239-7655 text/cell

**From:** [dwyw@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dwyw@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [William Dwyer](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please don't let partisanship ruin Montana's chances at fair representation.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:11:23 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

Drawing a map to let EITHER party have an unfair advantage is bad for Montana. Please don't let partisanship taint this process.

Please choose CP#2 or CP#8, as both seem like a pretty fair division of the state. I like #2 because it doesn't split counties or cities (always smells of gerrymandering when that is done). I also like #8 because of the North South divide, with minimal splitting of counties (Missoula).

William Dwyer

Sincerely,  
William Dwyer  
801 S Pacific St Dillon, MT 59725-3528  
[dwyw@aol.com](mailto:dwyw@aol.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Leigh Anne Dykema  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:15:15 AM

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From: Leigh Anne Dykema ladykema12@gmail.com

Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I vote in favor of CP1 map, This map looks like it would not favor one party over the other and divides the representation evenly with the new growth.

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