

# Public Comments: C - E

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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**From:** [Karol Cady](#)  
**To:** [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Western House District  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:06:19 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to voice our support for proposed House district map 11. Both proposed maps are compact and equal in population, but map 11 is more competitive--your own third criteria. Voters in Lewis and Clark County have historically tallied more competitive election results and belong in the more competitive western district.

Voting records show that voters in Flathead County are more closely aligned with the eastern district's conservative priorities and values, voting staunchly conservative, while Whitefish voters are more moderately conservative and belong in a more competitive district.

The goal of democracy is fair representation, even for those you disagree with. Please ensure our voices are not silenced and take our concerns under consideration.

Thank you for your hard work,  
Karol Cady  
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Missoula, MT 59801

David Wilkinson  
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Katherine Bossler  
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John Wilkinson  
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Jessica Chiovaro  
3035 Rustler Dr.  
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**From:** [Burt Caldwell](#)  
**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:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:18:55 PM

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First, I would like to remind you of the criteria for creating 2 districts:

**5-1-115. Redistricting criteria, Paragraph 2:**

(b) District boundaries must coincide with the boundaries of political subdivisions of the state to the greatest extent possible. The number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as small as possible. When there is a choice between dividing local political subdivisions, the more populous subdivisions must be divided before the less populous, unless the boundary is drawn along a county line that passes through a city.

(c) The districts must be contiguous, meaning that the district must be in one piece. Areas that meet only at points of adjoining corners or areas separated by geographical boundaries or artificial barriers that prevent transportation within a district may not be considered contiguous.

Map 10 does not meet these 2 criteria while map 11 does!

Map 10 ensures single party rule for at least the next 10 years while map 11 is competitive. Although map 11 allows the possibility of single party rule, it does not guarantee it like map 10.

Thank you for your service in this matter.

Charles B. Caldwell  
11575 Chumrau Loop  
Missoula, MT 59802

**From:** [Rachael Caldwell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In Support of CP 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:33:48 AM

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Dear Commission,

I write today in strong support of CP 11. This map is the more democratic of the two final options, keeping communities together and adhering fairly closely to the precedent set in the 1980's. In addition to this, I am in favor of a map that empowers Native voters, who are often disenfranchised and for whom voting is often made unnecessarily difficult. With this map, every candidate will have to work for and rely on Native votes, as it should be in a state with so many reservations. Please help us keep Montana fair and balanced with CP 11.

Thank you for your time,

Rachael Caldwell  
Missoula, MT

**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 Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 7:24:03 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

Please select #CP11. This map provides the most equitable split of Montana's congressional districts.

Thanks for all your hard work on this incredibly important designation.

Kind regards,  
Bill Callaghan

Sincerely,  
Bill Callaghan  
220 Little Basin Creek Rd Butte, MT 59701-9615  
[bhbill9@yahoo.com](mailto:bhbill9@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Albert Canaris](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Districts  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:54:03 AM

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I prefer Map 10. Why split Flathead County??

Sincerely yours,

Albert G. Canaris  
160 Shadow Mountain  
Hamilton, MT 59840

**From:** [Ann Cannata](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:07:06 AM

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Please select map CP 11 as our redistricting map for the next 10 years. CP 11 ensures that we will have fair, competitive districts in Montana. CP 10 does NOT!

Thank you,  
Ann Cannata

**From:** [Hailey Cannon](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:41:11 PM

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Hello,

I am a Montana resident in Big Horn county. I wanted to reach out and say that I am IN FAVOR of Map 11 proposed by the Democrats!

Thanks,

Hailey Cannon  
MT resident and worker



**From:** [Holly Cannon](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:18:01 PM

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I'm in favor of proposal 11  
Thanks,  
Hooky Cannon

**From:** [Cynthia Stotz-Capelle](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:42:15 AM

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Only Proposal 11 is fair and equitable. Please reject proposal 10!  
Thank you,  
Ty R. Capelle  
Hamilton, MT

**From:** [cgc57@bresnan.net](mailto:cgc57@bresnan.net)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting maps  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 12:28:20 PM

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We support the map nominated by the Democratic members of the redistricting commission. All of Gallatin county should be in the western district. We also question why a tiny portion of Flathead county is split off from the rest of the county in the Democratic version, especially since the western half already has a greater population count. The Democratic version makes the two parties slightly more competitive even though the Republicans still dominate in numbers of voters. Even a minority party in state politics should have an opportunity to have some input into Congress. Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. (Catharine) Robin Carey

**From:** [Hillary Carls](#)  
**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] Comment in Favor of Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:36:50 PM

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Commission,

First, and most importantly, thank you for your great public service to Montana. Your work is extraordinarily important for our State.

Second, I write to encourage you to vote in favor of Proposal 11 of the proposed redistricting maps. Proposal 11 best reflects Montana's historic districts giving our State consistency with this added congressional seat. But most valuable for Montana, Proposal 11 best reflects the economic drivers of the State, enabling our future representatives in the US Congress more effectively advocate for our business and economic interests. Proposal 11 allows the western seat to focus on the more recreation driven economy of western Montana, and the eastern seat to focus on the more agricultural and oil driven economies of eastern Montana. It is smart for Montana to have the districts split to recognize the different economic interests. With this, our representatives can focus on these specific and different Montanan interests.

It is a smart and effective decision for Montana businesses to vote in favor of Proposal 11, and against Proposal 10.

Thank you.

Hillary Carls  
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Bozeman, MT 59715  
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406.581.7812

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Daisy Carlsmith  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:34:34 PM

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From: Daisy Carlsmith dcarlsmith@gmail.com  
Residence: Trout Creek

Message:

I'm Daisy Carlsmith, M.Ed. and I live in Trout Creek, Montana. I've lived in Montana for half of my life and raised my family here.

I support map 11 but would like it to be tweaked so that District 1 could be even more competitive. It still leans too much toward Republican domination. Map 11 minimizes splitting of towns, equal population, etc. It achieves three of the four objectives adequately but it still could be improved to respect competitiveness.

Map 10 is wildly uncompetitive. Both maps keep tribal areas intact and both maps have minimal town splits. Map 10 unduly favors the Republican party for year to come.

Please help make a map that keeps an even playing field.

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**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] 10 and 11  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 10:27:18 AM

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

From: Gary Carlson <garycarlson11@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:22 PM  
To: Kolman, Joe <jkolman@mt.gov>; Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 10 and 11

Joe and Rachel: I think 10 and 11 might be OK with me. It is probably the closet dividing the state like it was before for two districts.

If I ran for the House or the US Senate I could win with 10 and 11. Oh well, I don't have enough money to run for anything.

Thanks for all you two have done on this committee..

Gary You will be receiving another issue of our newsletter the White Hat Express.

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

**From:** [Paul Carlson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Drawing a line  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:25:17 PM

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Why not use the Continental Divide as the line.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Carlson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:45:55 AM

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

From: Gary Carlson <garycarlson11@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:46 AM  
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>; Kolman, Joe <jkolman@mt.gov>; Debbie Churchill <debbie@mtgop.org>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Carlson

Good morning in Helena. You three can put my two cents worth in again on the new congressional districts.

Even though 10 and 11 are the choices right now a wise move would be to adopt the two congressional districts that we had before. As one of the candidates who used that division I would recommend that we use those same two again. If the choice has to come between 10 and 11 I would choose the one closest to the previous years two districts.

Gary K. Carlson Thank you Rachel, Joe and Debbie Former candidate for the US House when we had two districts. Maybe I should run again. Nah but maybe for the US Senate

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



**From:** [John Carmody](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:48:35 AM

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I recommend proposal 10. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Max Carpenter  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 7:05:29 PM

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From: Max Carpenter nameavailable@yahoo.com  
Residence: Great Falls, MT

Message:

Hello, I am Max. I am 14, and I am worried about what some of these unfair, gerrymandering maps could do to Montana. A good chunk of these maps use super-districts for one political party, and all of the democrat submitted maps have only one district controlling the border with Canada. I believe maps 1, 3, and 5 are best in terms of fairness for the people and fairness for politics.

My regards, Max.

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**From:** [J.C.](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] choose Congressional Proposal 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:18:29 PM

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Please choose Congressional Proposal 11.

Sincerely,

Janet Cass

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lowell Chandler  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:30:09 PM

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From: Lowell Chandler [lowell.chandler@gmail.com](mailto:lowell.chandler@gmail.com)  
Residence: Helena

Message:

I strongly believe that CP 2 is the only map that fully meets and complies with the intent of Section 5-1-115(4), MCA. The population is equal, the districts coincide with political subdivisions and do not split any counties, the districts are contiguous, and the districts are relatively compact. It also evenly splits the top ten fastest growing counties among the districts with Gallatin (#1), Lewis and Clark (#5), Missoula (#6), Jefferson (#7), Madison (#8) and Ravalli (#9) all being in District 1. Whereas District 2 would contain the fastest growing counties of Broadwater (#2), Flathead (#3), Yellowstone (#4), and Stillwater (#10). Moreover, CP 2 provides good representation between rural and urban interests. It's no secret that the cities of Helena, Bozeman, and Missoula frequently work together on various initiatives, these cities should be in the same district. Likewise, District 2 contains Kalispell and Billings, which each have similar interests and govern similarly. As someone who has lived in Missoula, Bozeman, Billings, and now Helena, of those cities Billings is the distinct city of the bunch. CP 2 also keeps all of the Indian Reservations together in one district (with the exception being a small division of the CSKT Reservation near the headwaters of the Jocko River). Likewise, CP 2 keeps the state's primary agriculture areas intact (Golden Triangle, Missouri River Valley, Yellowstone River Valley).

For these reasons and more, it is my opinion that CP 2 is the only map submitted that has a chance to withstand a challenge in Court because we all know that no matter which map gets chosen, interests from the right or the left are going to file suit to overturn the decision.

Despite my conviction that CP 2 is the only proper and legal decision and the Commission should revert back to that map, if I have to choose between CP 10 and CP 11, I support CP 11. CP 10 cuts and divides Gallatin County unfairly resulting in communities of similar interests being divided. Bozeman and Big Sky should be together, that is a no-brainer. While CP 11 likewise divides Kalispell from the resort town of Whitefish, unlike Bozeman and Big Sky, Whitefish and Kalispell are two towns with distinct cultural differences which anyone who has spent any time in the two towns knows that is true. And, as discussed above, it makes no sense to divide Missoula, Helena, and Bozeman into different districts. Moreover, Sec. 5-1-115(4)(a) requires that the districts be as equal as practicable, CP 11 is a one-person difference. Likewise, Sec. 5-1-115(4)(b) requires that the "number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as SMALL AS POSSIBLE" (Emphasis added). CP 10 divides the Gallatin County into what appears to be a 40% (District 1), 60% (District 2) split. That is contrary to the plain language of 115(4)(b). While CP 11 also divides a county, its division of Flathead County is only a very small percentage of around a 10% (District 1) to 90% (District 2) split.

Again, this splitting hairs over county divisions is why CP 2 is the preferable map, but if CP 2 is not revived then CP 11 is the next best choice.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debra M Chibroski  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:50:52 AM

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From: Debra M Chibroski [duckhunt5@bresnan.net](mailto:duckhunt5@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Great Falls, MT

Message:

There is no reason to split Flathead County. Ideally, we have a natural dividing line for the state, the Rocky Mountains! Any redistricting that involves splitting up counties should be tossed out. We as a state can do better than this. We all know how difficult winter travel can be in our great state. Any attempt to split the state in a way that causes one district representative to have to cross the Rocky Mountains to visit constituents, but not the other is an unfair plan! It is not just about the population in each district, it is about access to the constituents—even by following the natural dividing line for the state, the western representative will have an advantage in that the population is in a smaller, more concentrated area, whereas the eastern district is spread over two thirds of the state. Yet, this seems much more fair since the needs of the people in the eastern part of the state are quite different than the western portion. Throw out both of these maps and go back and figure out how to do this by using the Rocky Mountains as the dividing line!

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**From:** [Ed Childers](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2nd Montana Congressional District - Proposal CP-11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:31:53 AM

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Hello, Commissioners.

I support Proposal CP-11.

It appears it would give the Democratic population of Montana a chance to be represented. A Democrat might not be elected, but at least their thoughts would be given serious consideration.

Thank you.  
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Ed Childers  
1755 W Central  
Missoula, MT 59801

406-728-3751

**From:** [amy\\_chisholm](mailto:amy_chisholm)  
**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] Montana Redistricting Maps Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:53:17 PM

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Dear Commissioners --

My name is Amy Chisholm and I have been a resident of Whitefish for eleven years now, but have previously called Butte and Missoula home.

As you move forward with your redistricting process, I would like to voice my support for Map #11. This map is preferable for a number of reasons:

- It more closely follows historical districting precedent;
- It keeps economically linked communities together;
- It offers a better opportunity for representation of Native voices; and
- It is less biased overall.

**Please, please choose Map 11.**

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Best,

Amy Chisholm

Amy Beth Chisholm, BA, BM, MM  
Performance & Teaching  
406.730.2914 (voice only)

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -- Margaret Mead*



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kay Christensen  
**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:07:04 PM

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From: Kay Christensen [kaylhs1@yahoo.com](mailto:kaylhs1@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Laurel

Message:

Montana has quite different economic drivers in the western part of the state, than in the eastern part of the state. The east is still very agriculturally dependent, while the west is a combination of tourism, lumber, lodging... It would be wonderful to finally have both eastern and western Montana represented in Congress, acting for the good of their respective constituents!!! THAT is what is supposed to be happening, rather than always pushing a purely political agenda, for more votes, always more concerned with the next election, than about those who live, work, pay taxes... here.

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**From:** [mary christensen](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 11:59:56 AM

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I strongly prefer the republican version. It just makes more sense!

**From:** [phil christensen](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 12:08:49 PM

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My wife and I feel the republican map is best. It just makes more sense, thank you.

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chris Christensen  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:32:23 PM

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From: Chris Christensen [chrisxtwo@gmail.com](mailto:chrisxtwo@gmail.com)  
Residence: BOZEMAN

Message:

Voting district map 11 is a better choice than map 10 for fairness to Montana voters.

Consideration should be given to adding Glacier County to district 1 of map 11. This will incorporate more tribal interests and make district 1 more equally weighted for Democratic voters in comparison to district 2. All map choices were drawn with Republican voters in majority apparently because Republicans hold a state majority. There is no reason why one district can not be weighted closer to a Democratic majority. A small shift toward a Democratic majority in district 1 will make little difference in the large Republican majority in district 2.

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**From:** [MARK CHRISTIANSON](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Redistricting Map Vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:03:58 AM

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Gentlemen,

I would like to vote for Map Number 10. Also, if it matters, my wife votes for Map Number 10...

Thank You,  
Mark W Christianson  
Jody L Christianson  
616 Calypso St  
Billings, Mt 59106

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: GEORGIA J CHRISTIANSON  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:12:11 AM

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From: GEORGIA J CHRISTIANSON [georgia@digisys.net](mailto:georgia@digisys.net)  
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:  
Chair Smith and Commissioners,

The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Georgia Christianson  
406 257 0449  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Vickie Christie  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:13:19 AM

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From: Vickie Christie [vickie.christie@rocky.edu](mailto:vickie.christie@rocky.edu)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Please choose CP 11 as the most fair and balanced map. Thank you for asking for input.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debbie M Churchill  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 3:08:53 PM

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From: Debbie M Churchill [debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com)

Residence: Clancy

Message:

Although it is contrary to Montana law to consider competitiveness, it is clear that the Commission will ultimately choose a map based on competitiveness. If that is the case, then the Commission should define competitiveness and agree on the standard that will be used to determine competitiveness. Since the map that the Commission is drawing will determine two U.S. Congressional Districts, the best way to measure competitiveness is to use the U.S. House Races. In determining competitiveness, the Commission should use races outside of 2020 since 2020 was an anomaly due to Covid.

The other cornerstone of whatever map is chosen is to make sure that both districts are created considering the expected growth of each district. It would only be fair if the districts are drawn with a balance of the fastest growing counties in each district, rather than all 4 of the fastest growing counties in one district.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Whitney H Ciofalo  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:40:46 AM

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From: Whitney H Ciofalo [wciofalo@gmail.com](mailto:wciofalo@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Splitting Gallatin Gateway from Bozeman alienates many of us who have strong connections to both of these communities. The same could be said splitting off Springhill, Big Sky, and all of Park County. The Gallatin Valley (and in many ways, Paradise Valley) is tied together culturally, socially, and economically. Dividing this part of the state into two Congressional Districts is not a fair proposal and goes against the original goals and intentions of the Commission. Please support Map 11.

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**From:** [Pat Clancey](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support CP 11  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:43:14 PM

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Commissioners,

I have previously commented to express my support for two fair, equitable and competitive congressional districts in Montana. At this point I am supporting CP 11, which is the more fair and equitable option of the two. CP 10 clearly creates some questionable boundaries that do not keep areas of economic interest together like CP 11 does.

Pat Clancey  
Helena

**From:** [ddoddsj](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:30:11 PM

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I write to request that you support CP 11.  
This proposal will be most competitive and provide a fair and democratic process for voters.

Thank you,  
Patricia A. Clark

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: William H Clarke  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 3:52:16 PM

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From: William H Clarke [wclarke440@aol.com](mailto:wclarke440@aol.com)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Neither of the maps offer a truly competitive district. Map 10 has two Republican dominant maps by 28% and 11%. Map 11 has two Republican dominant maps by 34% and 7%. A truly competitive district would have a 5% or less dominant party. If the Republicans hadn't lost their moral compass, one wouldn't even have to make this comment. Map 11 is the more competitive map, but it needs to be fine-tuned to achieve one 5% or less Republican dominant district. And you still need to verify that the Tribes are alright with there being only one reservation in one of the districts.

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**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Congressional Maps  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 6:00:41 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Thank you once again for taking the time to receive public comment regarding Montana's congressional district map. I would like to register my strong preference for CP11; it is important to me that our map keep congressional districts competitive and avoid splitting towns (and counties whenever possible). It appears as though CP11 is the best map to meet those goals.

I appreciate your service to our state--thank you again for hearing my voice.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Cleary  
715 Breckenridge St Helena, MT 59601-4355  
[montana.cleary@gmail.com](mailto:montana.cleary@gmail.com)

**From:** [CLEVELAND JUSTIN W](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District Mapping  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:36:02 PM  
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Chairperson Smith and committee members,

Since reviewing CP10 and CP11, both of which I see as still needing some work.

CP-11; Placing most of Flathead County in the eastern district does not work. The miles to cover across Hwy 2 alone is not good is a daunting trip.

It also removes the Blackfeet Reservation to the east which only leaves the CSKT in the west. The way CP-11 is drawn it places most of the Canadian Border responsibility to the east.

CP-10; Keeps Flathead County together.

Has Glacier and Pondera county together to move the Blackfeet Reservation to the west to better balance the Tribal voice.

Has a better balance with the growth we see in Montana.

Is more compact to limit travel distances.

My vote is for CP-10.

I have attached another map, since the first 9 were not used and 2 new ones drawn at the last meeting. I figured give it a go and share with the committee. The only county that is split is Gallatin County, I carved out HD-64 to bring the population criteria within the tolerance set forth by the constitution.

I would like to encourage you as you listen to public comment that the constitution we have is to be used, not our own opinion, that way when the people are upset with the vote they can be directed to the criteria of the constitution.

Thank you for your time and service, this is no small matter.

Justin Cleveland  
Fairfield, Mt 59436

## Redistricting Criteria

5-1-115. Redistricting criteria. (1) Subject to federal law, legislative and congressional districts must be established on the basis of population.

(2) In the development of legislative districts, a plan is subject to the Voting Rights Act and must comply with the following criteria, in order of importance:

(a) The districts must be as equal as practicable, meaning to the greatest extent possible, within a plus or minus 1% relative deviation from the ideal population of a district as calculated from information provided by the federal decennial census. The relative deviation may be exceeded only when necessary to keep political subdivisions intact or to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

(b) District boundaries must coincide with the boundaries of political subdivisions of the state to the greatest extent possible. The number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as small as possible. When there is a choice between dividing local political subdivisions, the more populous subdivisions must be divided before the less populous, unless the boundary is drawn along a county line that passes through a city.

(c) The districts must be contiguous, meaning that the district must be in one piece. Areas that meet only at points of adjoining corners or areas separated by geographical boundaries or artificial barriers that prevent transportation within a district may not be considered contiguous.

(d) The districts must be compact, meaning that the compactness of a district is greatest when the length of the district and the width of a district are equal. A district may not have an average length greater than three times the average width unless necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

(3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan:

(a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress;

(b) political affiliations of registered voters;

(c) partisan political voter lists; or

(d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court.

(4) In the development of congressional districts and under the authority granted to the legislature by Article I, section 4, of the United States constitution, a congressional districting plan is subject to the Voting Rights Act and must comply with the following criteria, in order of importance:

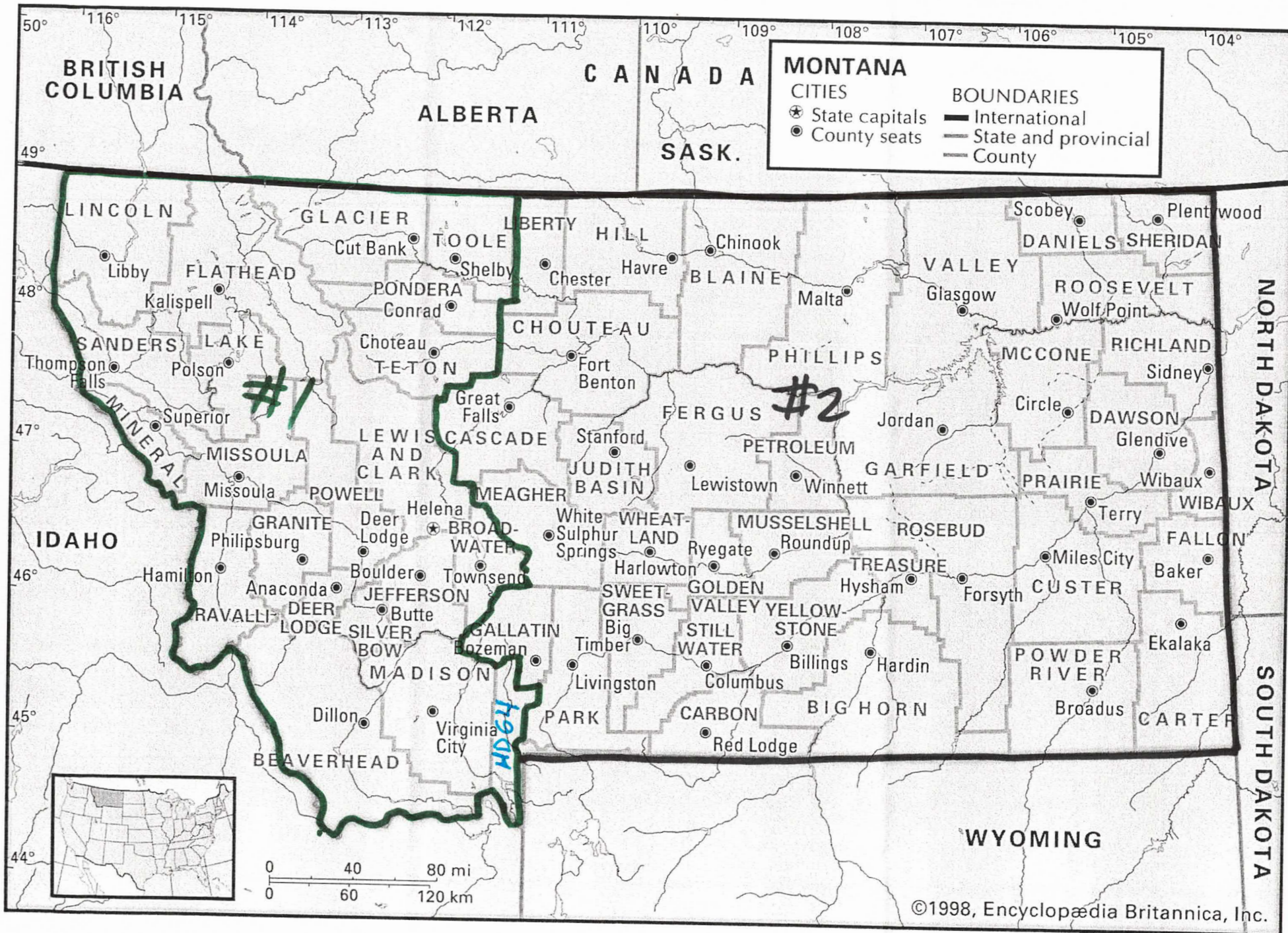
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**From:** [Douglas Coffin](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Doug Coffin](#); [Diana Lurie](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:06:51 PM

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We are writing to support the proposed Congressional District 1 map that keeps Gallatin county intact and in the western district. This is the most fair and equitable plan for the future of Montana and the best means to avoid extreme partisanship in governance.

Thank you for your consideration,

Douglas Coffin

Diana Lurie

Douglas Coffin  
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**From:** [Jerald Cogswell](#)  
**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] Fairness in voting maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:02:43 PM

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I previously contacted the commission with my comments on fair voting maps. Apparently, there are only two maps left for consideration. I urge you to select Map 11. This map is population equal and does not split communities of interest. It also follows the Cook Partisan Voting Index (CPVI) recommendations.

Please reject Map 10 as that one splits Gallatin County and splits Big Sky into two districts and does not follow CPVI.

Nothing is more fundamental to our Democratic Republic than the right to vote and have our vote matter.

Thank you for considering.

Jerald Cogswell  
243 Whispering Meadows Trl  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
phone 406 752-6139

**From:** [Ann Minnett Coleman](#)  
**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] Please ratify Map 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:50:22 AM

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To the Commission:

My name is Ann Minnett Coleman, and I live 20 miles from Whitefish in Flathead County. I oppose Map 10 because the plan creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. This plan also dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana.

Ann Minnett Coleman

**From:** [Rita Collins](#)  
**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] Support for Map 11  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:17:43 AM

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I appreciate all the work your commission is doing to develop fair districts in Montana.

Although I participated via Zoom for your last public comments, I would like to give my opinion by email for this final round. I very much support **CP 11** as it is by far the better of the two proposals. It would allow for more competitive representation across the entire state. I live in Lincoln County and want to see the two districts have the possibility of representing everyone in Montana, and not be carved out in a division that favors any one group.

Thank you.  
Rita Collins  
659 Osloski Rd  
Eureka, MT 59917  
406.890.0625

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: James & Linda Conard  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:09:54 AM

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From: James & Linda Conard [itsme@midrivers.com](mailto:itsme@midrivers.com)  
Residence: Miles City

Message:  
We want CP 11 for State of Montana Redistricting choice.

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**From:** [Mark Connell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Decisions  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:53:30 PM

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To the Montana Redistricting Commission:

We are Mark and Nancy Jo Connell, and are writing from our home in Missoula. We married and moved to Montana shortly after finishing college 47 years ago, and have been here ever since. Mark owned and operated a small business, and Nancy Jo worked in the local schools, before we both retired several years ago. Montana is where we raised our two daughters, and are very happy that they've both chosen to stay here (one in Missoula, and the other in Bozeman), along with their husbands and our three grandchildren. We've all maintained a keen interest in the welfare of our state, its political, cultural and social well-being, and the various roles it plays in our nation and its own well-being.

This letter is submitted to supplement the previous letter we forwarded to the Commission by email on October 17, 2021. Since that time, we understand the Commission has reduced the number of redistricting maps under consideration to two new maps, one submitted by the two Republicans on the Commission, and the other by the two Democrats. The key dispute appears to center around the issue of whether, or to what extent, the dividing line between the two new districts should take into account whether each of the resulting districts is likely to be politically competitive in the years to come.

A newspaper article today indicates that, when you last met on October 21st, "Republicans were frustrated that making the districts competitive was even being discussed." They apparently believe that competitiveness should have absolutely no role to play, with Commissioner Essmann's quoted remarks reflecting his contention that even attempting to develop competitive districts would represent a "fallacy." That view, of course, appears to be a rather convenient one, given that – in light of recent voting patterns in the state – the line the Republican commissioners would have you draw would result in *both* new districts voting overwhelmingly Republican in future elections. What they're seeking, therefore, is redistricting the state to deliberately give them a considerably greater advantage in future elections than they've already had in the current cycle. That, it's essential to note, would be in direct contravention of the Commission's stated goal of not making any decision that would unfairly benefit either of the two primary parties to the detriment of the other.

As we stated in our earlier submission, ensuring that future elections will be as politically competitive as possible should be considered *the* key factor in your deliberations. Doing so will help reduce the ugly polarization and cynicism that poison our current system, as it will clearly increase opportunities for citizen involvement, collaboration, compromise and shared goals. Looking at things from the opposing perspective, deliberately drawing a line that ensures that one party or the other will have a clear advantage in the next decade's elections, in both districts of our state, will create a clear *disincentive* for involvement by supporters of the minority party. Why would they feel any incentive to participate if each election starts with them feeling there is little or no chance of prevailing against an entrenched majority?

We accordingly urge you to strongly favor the redistricting map that gives both parties, to the extent possible, the greatest opportunity to compete in future elections in both districts.

Thanks very much for considering our views. Mark and Nancy Jo Connell

Mark Connell  
Missoula, Montana  
(406) 240-1925  
[mtrivers64@gmail.com](mailto:mtrivers64@gmail.com)



**From:** [Ken Cook](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 1:35:04 PM

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My thoughts, being from Helena, is that if we end up in the east section then any of us who vote democratic are just blowing in the wind. Our votes would really never matter. There is not a good solution for any of the demo cities, such as Bozeman, Missoula and Helena. My thoughts mainly are let's make one of the districts competative, at least give us that.

Thank you for letting us give our input.

Ken Cook, Helena

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Patricia Craveiro  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:12:32 AM

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From: Patricia Craveiro [patti.craveiro@gmail.com](mailto:patti.craveiro@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:

I am writing to support the Democrat Congressional Proposal 11 for district alignment. It leaves Gallatin County intact and allows greater Democratic representation in our state that fairly represents the population. At this time our state does not currently fairly represent our Democratic Party members.

Thank you.

Patricia Craveiro  
7720 Parkwood Drive  
Missoula, Montana  
59808

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Scott Creel  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 9:17:39 AM

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From: Scott Creel [screel@gmail.com](mailto:screel@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:  
Dear Commissioners,

Of the two alternatives presented for public comment, I strongly oppose slicing Bozeman out of Gallatin County and into the eastern district.

This is a obviously partisan move to favor Republican interests by separating the most rapidly growing and progressive city in Montana into a district with issues and priorities that are as opposite as could possibly be constructed by any map.

Reasons to keep Bozeman in the Western district this include:

1. Making a district that includes both of the major research universities so that their interests can be better represented.
2. Making districts with similar demographic trends and issues, so that each can be best represented.
3. Keeping Montana's fastest growing city and county linked. Voters in Bozeman are currently deciding on ballot issues for Gallatin County involving tens of millions of dollars. This is the economic and demographic hot spot of the state, and splitting it by congressional district would be highly counter-productive as the population deals with those issues.

The only logically clear reason to put Bozeman in the Eastern district is to disenfranchise the maximum possible number Democratic voters, in clear violation of the commission's duties.

Sincerely,  
Scott Creel

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**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Submission from Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:16:14 PM

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**From:** leg-noreply@mt.gov <leg-noreply@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting

# Submit Information to the Redistricting Commission

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**Your Full Name:**  
Dan Kevin Crockett

**Email Address:**  
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**Subject Line:**  
Montana Congressional redistricting

**Your Comment:**

I strongly support Congressional District Commission Proposal 11 (CP 11), which includes all of Park, Gallatin, Broadwater and Lewis & Clark counties, and excludes all of Flathead County in the western district. Of the proposals, this appears most likely to give Montana a Congressional Representative from each party, ensuring that whichever party holds the White House and Congress, Montana has a seat at the table in crucial decisions affecting the state's future. If we're ever to bridge the partisan divide and return to a more functional democracy in the House and Senate, this offers Montana's greatest hope. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Eddy Crowley  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:14:01 PM

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From: Eddy Crowley [eddy.a.crowley@gmail.com](mailto:eddy.a.crowley@gmail.com)

Residence: Helena, mt

Message:

I strongly propose that you choose map 11 for fairness for all montanans. Thanks. Eddy crowley

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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 Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:12:00 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please make elections fair in Montana and choose CP11!!! Gerrymandering has to end, NOW. Our democracy is too fragile as evidenced on 1/6/21.

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

**From:** [Jean Croxton](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essman@mt.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essman@mt.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on new Redistricting Maps for Montana  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 8:09:08 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the new proposed maps for our Congressional districts.

I support Map #11 for the following reasons:

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
- This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.
- Native voters are empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.

I oppose Map #10 for the following reasons:

- This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.
- This plan creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. With two congressional districts now instead of one, a fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.
- This plan dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple.

- This plan separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest.
- This plan splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.
- This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.

I appreciate your time and attention to this very important effort for the future of our state.  
Jean Croxton



**From:** [Chris](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@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); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov)  
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*Hi,*

*I am emailing you to express my support for Map #11 of your redistricting options for the reasons bulleted below.*

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
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#### Proposal 10 Talking Points: Oppose Map #10

- This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.
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- This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.  
Chris Crumal P.O. Box 1853 Whitefish, MT 59937

**From:** [Michael Crumley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:14:51 AM

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Members,

I'm not sure who is right or wrong and why it is hard to draw a line to split the state into two districts. I understand both parties want to take advantage of the seat for more power and control. I also know, that the Flathead Valley is not in Eastern Montana. That's plain to see unless your blind. Draw a line down the continental divide, that's East and West. You have the tough job of making equal population to each district, but Kalispell should not be even considered as Eastern Montana.

Mike Crumley  
Florence MT

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**From:** [cubdog@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cubdog@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tom Cabbage](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Montana Congressional Map Selection  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:12:40 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

After having looked at the proposed maps on many occasions now I would like to encourage you to choose Map #CP11. The map has several features that make it an equitable and helpful choice. One of the most important however is that it does not favor one political party over another and is competitive enough to encourage real dialog and debate when elections come around. Other reasons include the fact that it is closer to the 1980's congressional lines, and doesn't split Gallatin County a diverse and important area that would become a battle ground with a split leading to residents becoming overwhelmed by political infighting and advertising should it be split.

Please consider what is best for Montana and choose map 11.

Sincerely,  
Tom Cabbage  
2814 3rd Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401-2954  
[cubdog@gmail.com](mailto:cubdog@gmail.com)

**From:** [Mike Cuffe](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment/recommendation  
**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:16:23 AM

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2021—Congressional Redistricting  
Comments from Sen. Mike Cuffe, SD 1  
Oct. 16, 2021

To the Congressional Redistricting Commission:

Your task is extremely important. It must be carried out with fairness, and communities of common interest is crucial. To me that means keeping east on the east, and keeping west on the west, with a somewhat vertical line separating them. We should keep the districts contiguous and equal in population, and follow the law. In the 70s when I worked for Congressman Richard Shoup, that worked well.

I have looked over the nine suggestions. Only a couple of them fit these suggestions. Some are worse than a bad joke. The Commission must follow the law guiding the redistricting outline. I think Map No. 5 is the best of the proposals.

As an afterthought, follow the law.

Sen. Mike Cuffe

SD 1 which includes all of Lincoln County

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:49:38 PM

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From: Kaleigh Cunningham [cunningham.kaleigh@gmail.com](mailto:cunningham.kaleigh@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:

Bozeman, butte, missoula and kalispell cannot be in the same district

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: D C Curran  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:21:02 PM

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From: D C Curran dcurrn@msn.com  
Residence: Hamilton MT

Message:

I favor redistricting Congressional Proposal 11. We Montanans need fairness in our voting options. Enough of these parties dictating our choices.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Stephan G. Custer  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 10:42:15 PM

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From: Stephan G. Custer [sgcuster@gmail.com](mailto:sgcuster@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I live in Gallatin County. Having reviewed Map 10 and Map 11, I support Map 11. I believe map 11 creates at least one competitive district. (Indeed it might create two.) Two is desirable if I understand the meaning of competitiveness in this context). I suppose I am selfish in that I do not want to see Gallatin County split up for the reasons articulated in my comments before districts 10 and 11 were proposed. (I live in Gallatin County.) I like that the tribal areas are kept intact. Map 11 does not divide up reservations if I understand the maps correctly. This of course meets one of your criteria. I support Map 11.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Cody L Custis  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 11:37:14 AM

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From: Cody L Custis [thegoldgecko@yahoo.com](mailto:thegoldgecko@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

Redrawing electoral districts to gain electoral advantage is the literal definition of Gerrymandering.

I strongly urge the commission to throw out maps based on concerns of electoral results instead of geographical compactness.

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**From:** [Gene Cyr](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cp 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:56:30 AM

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I am entirely in support of cp 11.

**From:** [JILL DAHL](#)  
**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] Choose map 11  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 8:02:57 PM

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Choose to split Montana equally for legitimate elections.

Jill Dahl  
59802

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: william dakin  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:32:30 PM

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From: william dakin dakinwilliam@yahoo.com  
Residence: Bigfork, Montana

Message:

As a lifelong (70yrs) Montanan, I think redistricting should resemble as much as possible the map that last divided the state's two districts, circa 1990, adjusted to account for population changes. SPLITTING COUNTIES SHOULD BE OFF THE TABLE. To that end, the Continental Divide is a starting point. I urge revision to keep all of Flathead and Gallatin in the West, as their cultures and economies are similar. Glacier, Pondera, Lewis and Clark would be East. Broadwater and Park could be assigned so as to equalize the populations. I abhor the partisanship evident in Maps 10 and 11. The line should, so near as possible deferring to county lines, reflect the macro-interests of the people within them, from agriculture/extraction in the East to tourism, timber, and growth management in the West. Changing climate portends great impacts to the state in coming decades. The maps should recognize the East/West divergence in how to adapt to it. Reconvene, compromise; DON'T SPLIT COUNTIES. Please.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Emily Dardis  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:45:02 AM

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From: Emily Dardis [emily.dardis@umontana.edu](mailto:emily.dardis@umontana.edu)  
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

I believe that including Flathead County in the Eastern District is a poor decision. While it adds significant population numbers to the Eastern District, districting should be made based on community, shared interests, common jobs and characteristics of the area. Splitting districting based on even populations without regard to other factors would make it just as efficient to divide the census number in two and draw as straight of line as possible through the state vertically or horizontally to divide the districts. And I don't believe that Montanan's would think that this would be an effective strategy, so in comparison neither is this map.

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**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MAP CP #11  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:18:44 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to urge your support for Map CP #11, which is the only map of the two being considered which is within the competitive range, one of the criteria identified by this commission itself. Although CP #11 is not perfect, it is the only map of the two which does not favor a single political party.

Montanans deserve fair representation, and I hope that you consider the diligence with which Montanans approached this process when you make your decision. A fair map is good for everyone.

Thank you,  
Corrie Daurio  
1109 Leslie Ave  
Helena, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Donna Dawson  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:36:52 AM

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From: Donna Dawson [jerry315@centurytel.net](mailto:jerry315@centurytel.net)  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Do redistricting by east/west and do not divide Flathead VALley into different districts!

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**From:** [Lucy Dayton](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING FOR MONTANS  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:30:13 PM

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Dear MT Districting and Apportionment Commission,

First thank you all for your time and efforts in reviewing and proposing options for redistricting in our great state. It is a happy reality to have re-gained a second Congressional seat.

I would strongly urge you to adopt Proposal 11, as it seems it is the only one that creates a competitive district for Montana.

As well, it appears that Proposal 12 splits cities and seems to be biased and gerrymandering; this is not how politics should be.

I oppose Proposal 10.

We need fair and appropriate representation for all Montanans. Please make the right choice for Montana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lucy B. Dayton  
531 Power Street  
Helena, MT 59601



**From:** [dee anna](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistributing  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:45:20 AM

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I support option 11! Please give diversity a chance to bring us together. We know that we have people that care on both sides of our political system. Thank you for voting for fairness.

**From:** [DeGrandpre, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:27:54 AM

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Hello,

I'm in favor of the map that includes both Missoula and Gallatin counties (the map supported by the Democratic members of the map commission). Montana needs urban representation and this map makes this possible.

Best regards,

Mike DeGrandpre  
211 S 4th St W  
Missoula 59801.

**From:** [John de Neeve](#)  
**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] Support of CP 11 map.  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:53:24 AM

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Please support the CP 11 map for redistributing. It is the more competitive map of the two and will validate the voters sense of empowerment by representing their communities political landscape. I am a democrat and live in a republican district. This reflects my community better.  
Thank you for your time and hard work. I realize there is no perfect solution to the difficult exercise.  
John de Neeve- 670 Concord lane  
Kalispell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laurel Desnick](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In favor of CP 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:34:24 PM

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Dear Chairwoman Smith,

I am writing in favor of map CP 11.

I am a resident of Park County and have seen many changes in our county over the decades. Many of these changes relate to the increasing blend of economic, social and cultural life between Gallatin and Park Counties. Housing issues, tourism and the service industry, and the loss of agriculture and wild lands affect both counties in ways good and bad, and with many unknowns and challenges.

Maintaining the cohesiveness of this region of the state will allow a strong voice as growth and change continue. We do not know yet what solutions are out there, but a divided region is certain to make those solutions further from our reach.

CP 11 also creates equality between the districts in population as well as political and historical trends.

Thank you for your very professional and gracious work with this Commission.

Laurel Desnick  
Park County Resident

**From:** [Lloyd DeTienne](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:02:43 PM

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Yes

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sherry Devlin  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:17:21 AM

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From: Sherry Devlin [sherrydevlin@gmail.com](mailto:sherrydevlin@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula Montana

Message:

Please select CP 11. It is the most fair map for Montana's two congressional districts.  
Everyone deserves fair representation.

Thank you!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Vince Devlin  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:05:28 AM

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From: Vince Devlin [vincedevlin72@gmail.com](mailto:vincedevlin72@gmail.com)  
Residence: Polson, MT

Message:

As an Independent who has never voted a straight-party ticket in half a century, I encourage you to select CP11. Here's why: I believe one-party rule, or at least one-party dominance, is a dangerous thing, and it doesn't matter to me whether it's Democrats or Republicans who are in control. Either way, those drunk with power often push agendas that alienate significant swaths of citizens. I understand that Montana is a Republican stronghold – I've helped make it so in many races. But the other proposed redistricting all but guarantees Republicans will win both U.S. House seats. Conversely, I don't believe CP11 guarantees Democrats one of the seats, but it at least gives them a fighting chance. Competitive races are good things, and make politicians more responsive to every citizen, not just their base. Thank you.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] favor CP 11 over CP 10 districting.  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 12:44:17 PM

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**Dear Committee,**

**Some of these thoughts below on the redistricting maps have already been put forth. Here they are, after editing to be more succinct manner.**

**Thank you,**

**Johanna DeVries**

**1304 W. Montana St.**

**Livingston MT 59047 (until recently I taught Science in Grass Range, Fergus County)**

### **I support Map #11**

- This follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only 2 counties to reach population equality.
- Areas that rely on ski tourism to support their economy are kept in 1 district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to their needs that use winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- The economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected, ensuring district lines don't divide the two communities.
- This keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties with Helena, making sure most commuters are in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains vital to local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice.
- Native voters are empowered, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, so every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.

### **I oppose Map #10**

- This breaks with historical precedent by separating Helena and Butte, which breaks communities of interest that have existed for over a century.
- This creates 2 Republican districts, which favors 1 party. A fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.
- This dilutes power of Montana farmers/ranchers by breaking the grain/cattle producing regions. This is cracking the farm/ranch vote pure and simple.
- This separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from their workplaces in Helena.



This is breaking apart a community.

- This splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack Democratic votes and splitting 2 small towns for no reason which violates your criteria on minimizing unnecessary division of towns.
- This separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this joint community.

**From:** [suzanne.dieruf](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Proposal #11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:14:19 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support Proposal #11 for the district map. It is the fairest and most competitive map for both parties.

Thank you for your consideration,

Suzanne Dieruf  
85 MT 221  
Choteau, MT  
59422  
406-868-7694

**From:** [Cynthia DiFrancesco](#)  
**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] Please vote for Redistricting map CP 11  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:26:15 PM

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10/23/21 To the Montana Districting  
and Appointment Commission:

Please vote for CP map #11, shown  
below.

The reasons are shown below, *namely  
that it is population equal, within the  
competitive range, and does not separate  
Gallatin and Park counties.*

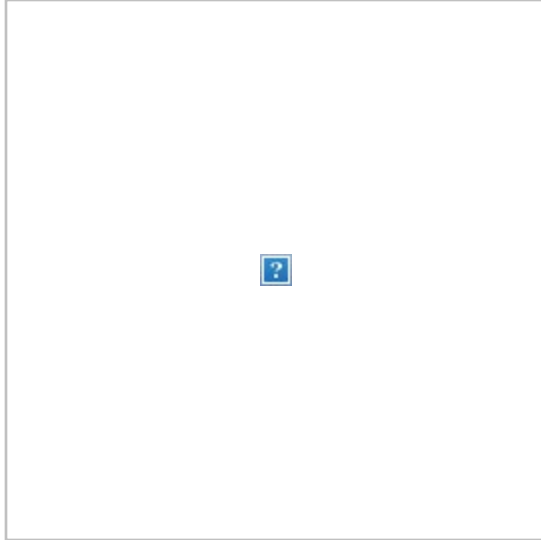
In my earlier letters to the commission I  
supported other maps which I thought  
more fair.

Here I will summarize *why Park and  
Gallatin counties should not be separated*  
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1. We are together the regional health  
care provider for our residents as well as  
millions of tourists traveling through  
annually. We are critically impacted by  
the need for coordinated scientific  
management in both counties, and need

representation who responds to those needs.

2. Together we encompass most of the geographic area for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, of enormous value and importance to biodiversity, impact on climate and forestry management, tourism, and immigration.



[\[fairmapsmt.com\]](http://fairmapsmt.com)

### **YES! MAP CP #11**

This map is:

- population equal
- is within the [competitive range](#)  
[\[fairmapsmt.com\]](http://fairmapsmt.com)(Cook PVI: R+5)

Thank you for your fair consideration,

Dr. Cynthia Di Francesco  
306 W Montana Street  
Livingston, MT 59047

**From:** [Robert Diggs](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map #11 is the ONLY FAIR Map. Why? Because Map #10 insures TWO GOP representatives for Montana when half of Montana's people are Democrats. Map #10 is an egregious GOP (Gross Old [white] People) misrepresentation of EQUALITY.  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:19:54 AM

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S/ Robert Eller Diggs (Caucasian, Age 88 in Bozeman)

**From:** [Renee](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:39:18 AM

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**Dear Chairs & Commissioners,**

**I am thoroughly disappointed that the original selection of maps were scrapped and these are our only two choices left. With that said, I would like my viewpoint considered. As a taxpayer, homeowner, small business owner, and conservative parent who's elected to homeschool my three step-children and still run my business, I do not want Flathead County split in half. We are a strong, conservative community with ties to faith, family, and freedom. Cutting our county in half, as in Map 11, is a gross display of a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines, and creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana. This map should be burned.**

**Map 10, as it's our only best option for keeping Flathead County intact, is the Map to elect. It includes tribal representation, which is very important. Having grown up in Hill county, I spent my whole childhood befriending my classmates from Rocky Boy Reservation, and I strongly feel that our reservations need to be represented and have a strong voice. Dividing these communities will silence their voices. Forest production, tourism industries, national parks, and our skiing economy all need contiguous representation without being cut in half, diluted and left unrepresented.**

**I believe without a doubt that these maps favor Missoula and Gallatin counties with the attempt to keep them together so as to capture a Democratic seat. I realize there is tremendous polarization in political, religious, and social beliefs in our country. With the infiltration of out-of-staters moving in, I want more than ever to defend and protect our conservative communities from being watered down. It is already going to be very difficult to be heard once our county is tossed in with Missoula and Gallatin counties, so it's more important than ever to keep Flathead whole.**

Thank you.

***Renee Dimler***

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**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map #CP11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:25:28 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Kasey Dirnberger from Missoula and I really feel strongly that you should pick CP11. The other one splits cities, and that is not acceptable! It also makes a split that favors a single political party. Please do the right thing and choose CP11.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Kasey Dirnberger  
601 South Ave W Missoula, MT 59801-8012  
[kcdirnberger@aol.com](mailto:kcdirnberger@aol.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Randy Dix  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:00:31 PM

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From: Randy Dix [attfish@aol.com](mailto:attfish@aol.com)

Residence: Helena, MT 59601

Message:

I fully support the concept of fairness and honest competition in the creation of voting districts in Montana. Accordingly, please consider the Map 11 plan as serving that public interest.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Congressional Redistricting  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:25:42 PM

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## Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing in support of the Congressional Proposal 11 that ensures competition.

Proposal 10 is not the best choice for Montana. Proposal 10 ensures a one party system for the state. Having lived in a one party state (Massachusetts), I know the consequences of a single party political debate.

Please support a balanced two party system for Montana by selecting Congressional Proposal 11.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark P Dobbyday  
302 3rd Ave. E.  
Polson, MT 59860

**From:** [Matt Dodd](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] E-mail in support of Proposal 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:50:53 PM

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All,

I write in support of Proposal 11, which tracks historical precedent and results in the shift of only two counties to achieve near-perfect quality in the populations of our two districts.

Proposal 11 allows the various areas of Montana to have a voice and requires congressional candidates to be responsive to those voices. Specifically:

- Parts of Montana that rely on ski tourism are kept in one district.
- Related communities that rely on each other (i.e. Bozeman / Livingston, Jefferson / Broadwater / Helena, and Butte / Helena) remain together.
- Montana's rural areas such as the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line remain intact.
- Native voters retain a voice in a competitive district that requires candidates to be responsive to Native interests.

Proposal 10 ignores these and other important considerations and effectively creates two Republican districts by splitting related communities. A fair map, such as Proposal 11, keeps at least one district competitive. That is a necessary component of effective representation of all Montanans.

Sincerely,  
Matt Dodd

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**From:** [Linda Dodds](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting Options  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:46:26 PM

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I favor option #11 because it is more fair. I oppose option #10.

Linda Dodds  
Hamilton, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bonnie A. Doherty  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:45:27 PM

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From: Bonnie A. Doherty [bonnieadoherty@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieadoherty@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula

Message:  
Please consider map 11 with 5% republican districts.

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**From:** [Jamie Dolan](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] choose Map 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:23:25 PM

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Hello,  
Thank you for all of your work. Please choose Map 11. It is population equal, keeps communities of interest together, and is competitive.  
Thank you!

Jamie Dolan

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Timothy J Donnigan  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:29:32 AM

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From: Timothy J Donnigan [tjdog56@gmail.com](mailto:tjdog56@gmail.com)  
Residence: West Yellowstone, Montana

Message:

As a resident of Gallatin County, MT, living in West Yellowstone, I urge the Commissioner empowered to authoritatively decide the current redistricting deadlock (Congressional Proposal #11) to adopt and implement the Democratic Plan which leaves Gallatin County intact. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** [Jeff Dorrington](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistributing feelings  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:31:23 AM

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Dear commissioners,

I feel strongly that Proposal 11 is the most equitable and closest to the district map from the 1980's. Even though the demographics of Montana have changed some what over the years it does not make sense to me to divide Gallatin Co. and put Lewis and Clark Co. in the East. I think proposal 10 is just a blatant attempt to skew election results toward the Republican Party.

Please consider Proposal 11 as the best proposal for Montana.

Thank you,

Jeff Dorrington

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Support Map 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:04:48 PM

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**From:** Janice Drout <[janicepurchases@gmail.com](mailto:janicepurchases@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Janice Drout <[janicepurchases@gmail.com](mailto:janicepurchases@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Map 11

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

Thank You & Please Listen! Janice Drout/Park County

**From:** [Karen Duchien](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fair redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:56:10 AM  
**Importance:** High

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The redistricting map 11 proposing splitting Flathead County and sending most of it east combining with Ekalaka creates unfair representation in Congress and is not presented with any transparency.

As a Montana voter I soundly object to map 11 and any efforts to push this through.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Duchien

Patrick Duchien

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Courtney Duchin](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Districting Map  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:58:22 PM

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I support #CP 11

Thank you

Courtney Duchin

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Joseph Dunn  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:05:03 AM

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From: Joseph Dunn [jwdunniii@me.com](mailto:jwdunniii@me.com)

Residence: Clancy

Message:

My name is Joseph Dunn and I live in Clancy, Montana.

I support map number 11 as it seems to be the map that meets the requirements set by the commission and in our constitution. I think we need to keep districts competitive and keep communities together.

I want a fair process and a district that isn't gerrymandered to ensure another republican is sure to elected.

Thanks for your consideration.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary Catherine Dunphy  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:31:35 AM

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From: Mary Catherine Dunphy [mcdunphy04@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdunphy04@hotmail.com)  
Residence: Miles City

Message:

I like Map 11. Communities shouldn't have to be divided geographically during elections.

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**From:** [Dunwell Mary](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn Smith](#); [Jeff Essmann](#); [Joe Lamson](#); [Dan Stusek](#); [Kendra Miller](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional districting public comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:17:39 PM

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Hello Chair Smith and members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Proposal 11 is the only one of the two final maps that includes a competitive district. As a state representative in a very competitive district, all along I've testified for competitiveness, political fairness, and communities of interest. Proposal 10 will simply turn Congressional races into anointings--not fair and democratic (small 'd') elections. Republican party candidates will simply be anointed. They will not have to engage with voters and constituents to earn their elected seats. Races will not be competitive or give both political parties a fair and equal chance.

Also, Helena is a union town like Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge. Helena should stay in the Western District with other union communities. Putting Helena in an Eastern District is union vote-busting and intentionally divides our community of interest from other Western Montana cities. It also divides a community of interest of state government workers by separating government employees who live in Lewis and Clark County from Jefferson County.

Please support Proposal 11 that respects our communities of interest, is competitive and fair. Thank you.

Regards,  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, HD 84 Helena/East Helena

**Mary Ann Dunwell**  
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**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Select the CP 11 option  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:18:25 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Commissioners,

i believe that map #CP11 is the fairest way to create a new Congressional District. It creates one district that is competitive. Montana does not need one part rule. Please choose the map that gives all political parties a shot.

Thank you,

William Dwyer  
Dillon

Sincerely,  
William Dwyer  
801 S Pacific St Dillon, MT 59725-3528  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: George C & Trudy Eckley  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:18:00 PM

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From: George C & Trudy Eckley [mome@hotmail.com](mailto:mome@hotmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell, Mt 59901

Message:

NO SPLIT FOR OUR STATE WE ARE 100% born raised George: RONAN MT / TRUDY:  
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**From:** [Robert Eddleman](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Montana  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:59:55 PM

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Quit trying to gerrymander to help Democrats. Draw the districts with even population divided east and west. If they want to represent Montanans they need to quit trying to be New York, Oregon, Washington and California.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robert Eddleman](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Congressional District  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:25:39 PM

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Do not gerrymander to help Democrat Party. Do proposal 10. Ridiculous to put Kalispell in East.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Eichhorn, Kevin G](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:07:49 PM

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I support congressional proposal 11  
Thanks,  
Kevin eichhorn

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 8:00:16 PM

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I greatly urge the Commission to support CP #11. It is the most fair of the two maps. It is also just wrong to divide a small town like Big Sky. Again, I urge that the Commission to choose map CP #11.

Cheryl Eiholzer

**From:** [Hilary Eisen](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] comments on final maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 6:06:34 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to comment on the proposed redistricting maps for Montana. Although I have been unable to participate in the public meetings, this will be the 3rd time I have submitted written comments during the redistricting process. I am life-long Montana who currently lives in Bozeman. I was only 10 years old when Montana switched from having 2 districts to a single at-large district, so this is the first time in my adult life that Montana will be represented by two seats in the House of Representatives. It's a very exciting development, and critical that the two districts are drawn fairly and don't divide communities. I appreciate that both maps are equal in population, but there are clear differences between the two maps that make the choice for which map to select obvious.

Of the two maps remaining, **I urge the Commission to select map CP #11.** As a resident of Gallatin County, it's very concerning to me that map #10 splits Gallatin County between two districts, especially since it divides Bozeman from the rest of the county. I also don't think it makes any sense at all to split the city of Big Sky between two districts. It's bad enough that Big Sky falls across two different counties, it would even further complicate public lands management, state/federal grant disbursement, etc. if Big Sky were split between two Congressional districts. Although map #11 splits Flathead county, the split on that map makes far more sense than the map #10. Furthermore, it makes sense to place Gallatin and Park counties in the same district, as many people commute between the two counties, Yellowstone tourists fly in and out of Bozeman, and in many other ways the economies of the two counties are closely intertwined in way that Park and Sweetgrass county are not.

Thank you for considering my comments, and please select CP #11 as the new Congressional district map for Montana.

Hilary Eisen,  
Bozeman MT

**From:** [Virgie Eldridge](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:50:52 PM

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I am absolutely in favor of map 10. Virginia Eldridge, Corvallis, MT

**From:** [Amy Elliott](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Commission Map Input  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:14:10 AM

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All Concerned,

The Redistricting Commission should throw out all previous maps and go with this map proposed by Tonya Dyas that has NO SPLIT in Counties or Reservations. In addition, it ensures "communities of interest" have approximately equal representation in BOTH districts, as well as that BOTH districts have borders with Canada. As Tonya wrote:

"I don't think more perfect maps could be drawn. These proposed maps are based strictly upon population & contiguous counties. Absolutely no gerrymandering was involved. No counties are divided and none of the Tribal groups are divided. Best yet, the population difference between District 1 & 2 is only +/- 50 people for a population deviation of 0% . It complies with all the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. The population of the green district is 542,062 (-50) and the orange district is 542,163 (+51) for a net difference of 101. The big thing is that NOT ONE COUNTY IS SPLIT !"

The important point is that this map is LEGAL. Please add this map to consideration since the committee decided to throw out all others that we already had input on, they need to consider this one. Thank you.

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***Respectfully,***  
***~Amy Elliott***

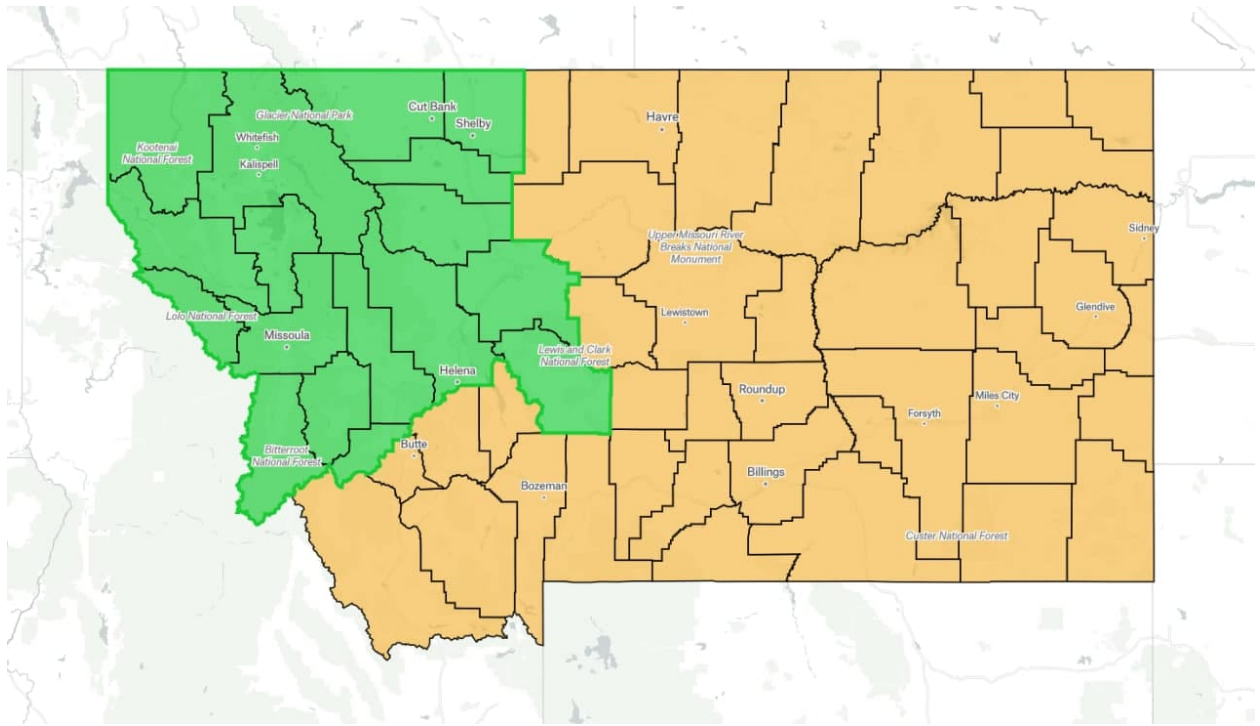


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**From:** [Eli Elliott](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support Proposal 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:59:07 PM

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Dear Commissioners on the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

Thank you for your diligent work on the details of apportionment maps.

Now that you have narrowed the maps to two, I ask that you support the map that offers a competitive district. Representatives are more accountable to their constituents when districts are competitive. Proposal 11 is the best choice to uphold this important value.

Proposal 11 also most closely follows the historical precedent of the districts when Montana previously had two congressional seats. It recognizes the connection between the communities of Livingston and Bozeman and likewise of Butte and Helena. Native voters are more empowered under this plan as well with more competitive districts.

Proposal 10 does not have these advantages and is clearly an effort to create non-competitive districts for the benefit of one party. This would leave a huge minority effectively without representation in those districts.

Please choose Proposal 11.

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Dr. Susan M. (Elli) Elliott  
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**From:** [billellis58@aol.com](mailto:billellis58@aol.com)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:15:05 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee;

I dislike both maps CP 10 and CP 11 because they do not follow the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 5-1-115 Redistricting Criteria.  
Could you reconsider map CP 1 and adopt it because it follows MCA 5-1-115 redistricting criteria as close as possible.

Thank You

Bill Ellis  
Miles City, MT

**From:** [Janet Ellis](mailto:Janet.Ellis@mtleg.gov)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supporting statement for choosing Map #11 by the MT Districting Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:06:40 PM

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Dear Commissioners -

I am writing to support Map #11 in the current 2-map discussion before the Montana Districting and Reapportionment Commission. I support Map #11 because, of the two maps being discussed currently, it is the only map that meets all self-identified goals of the Commission:

- Commission Goal 1: "No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party." Map #11 has one Republican-leaning district and one competitive district. Map #10, which I oppose, has two Republican districts. Clearly, Map #10 favors one political party - and should therefore be rejected.

- Commission Goal 2: "The commission shall attempt to minimize dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts when possible." Map #11 does not split the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway (whereas, Map #10, which I oppose, does split these two communities - for no clear reason).

- Commission Goal 3: "Keeping communities of interest intact. The Commission may consider keeping communities of interest intact. Communities of interest can be based on Indian reservations, urban interests, suburban interests, rural interests, tribal interests, neighborhoods, trade areas, geographic location, demographics, communication and transportation networks, social, cultural, historic, and economic interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles." As a resident of Helena, I support Map #11 because many individuals who live in Jefferson County work and are otherwise economically tied to Helena. I believe that separating Lewis & Clark County from Jefferson County could harm the interdependence of these two areas. In addition, Map #11 puts Livingston and Bozeman together, which are two communities that also are deeply connected by individuals who work and are otherwise economically tied together. It does not make sense to me AT ALL to divide Jefferson County from Lewis & Clark County, and Gallatin County from Park County (as is done in Map #10, which I oppose). In addition, Map #11 keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and HiLine in-tact, which will serve agriculture well.

- Commission Goal 4: "The commission may consider competitiveness of districts when drawing plans." As stated under Commission Goal #1, Map #11 has one Republican-leaning district and one competitive district. Map #10, which I oppose, has two Republican districts. Clearly, Map #10 favors one political party.

Thank you for considering these comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

- Janet Ellis, 703 Breckenridge St., Helena, MT 59601; 406-431-9157

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Pam Ellis  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 7:09:16 AM

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From: Pam Ellis [pamellis50@gmail.com](mailto:pamellis50@gmail.com)  
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

The committee will choose one of two maps as required by (MCA 5-11-115) and the Montana Constitution with the following criteria: Compact & Contiguous Territory Less than 1% difference in population. Both of the final maps meet that criteria. No legal criteria mandates that the map be fair and give all voters an opportunity to be heard and select a representative who aligns with their values. I believe we are best represented by people who listen to ALL their constituents. While I may disagree with a vote by my representative, I feel unsafe if I know that my representative will refuse to meet in public forums with people of the other party. Please support the map that makes our second seat competitive and the representative responsive to all the voters in the district.

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:38:10 AM

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From: John Philip Engelman [jackengelman@gmail.com](mailto:jackengelman@gmail.com)  
Residence: Hamilton MT

Message:  
Please adopt proposal 11, thank you

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**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:24:37 AM

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From: Seisin Eyer [seisinc@yahoo.com](mailto:seisinc@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:

As a life long Montanan I support maps 2, 4, and 8. I have lived in Central and Western MT and these will best represent the state as a whole.

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