

CP #	Opinion	Comment	Name	Email	City	State
CP12	Dislike	This map is a poor choice. CP12 gives the most undue political favor to one party over another. CP 12 does not meet the Criteria and Goals because of the lack of competitiveness. Please reject this map CP 12 as a poor choice. Thank you.	Ahren Cornelius	ahri.cornelius@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10	Dislike	This map is a poor choice. It does not meet the goals and criteria. Not only does this map split a county but it also splits a city. This is also the least competitive map of the remaining 4 maps. Please do not vote for this map. Thank you.	Ahren Cornelius	ahri.cornelius@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Redistricting Commission, This web site is very confusing to use. I had sent a comment yesterday, but I don't know if it was received! I am concerned that the designated districts be competitive across party lines and will be for years to come. This is what the Montana 1972 Constitution writers had in mind when they created the Redistricting process. Map #12 is not competitive for fair and balanced voting opportunities and representations in the Montana government. Please make sure that DEMOCRACY stated in our Montana Constitution be followed. Remember the days of the Copper Kings! That power grab is not for Montana now and in the future.	JoLynn S Yenne	jlyenne@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP13	Like	Map CP13 creates the most balanced, competitive districts of the two options.	CAROL MITCH	mitch59914@gmail.com	KALISPELL	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections in the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other districts. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.	Amy Harvey	amyaharvey@gmail.com	Hamilton	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I encourage you to adopt map 11 which will be more competitive.	Elaine Eidum	Eeidum@yahoo.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. A stated goal of the Commission is to draw competitive districts. CP12, in my opinion, goes against that stated goal. Please reject CP12.	Donna Fraser	patterdo@gmail.com	Sheridan	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 shows a high degree of partisanship which makes a mockery of the Commission's duty to create districts that create balance. For the good of our hard-won republic, we need a map that respects the voices of diverse viewpoints.	CAROL MITCH	mitch59914@gmail.com	KALISPELL	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map highly favors one political party and creates two districts which are non competitive. Montana is a purple state and deserves one competitive district. It is important districts are not gerrymandered into two safe districts for one political party. Please keep Lewis and Clark County in the Western District.	Zach Angstead	centralmtcaves@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT

CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is unfairly biased toward one party.	Marilyn Marler	marilynjmarler@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP10	Dislike	Gallatin county is excluded from the western district in this map, leaving the majority of their voters clumped into the eastern district, which does not represent their interests.	Linda Lasko	linlasko@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.	Janet S.Blackler	yourtaxadvisor@hotmail.com	BIGFORK	MT
CP13	Like	After studying the various options, I find this map to be in line with the commission's goal of a competitive district, and it most closely represents western Montana.	Linda Lasko	linlasko@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I dislike this map because it does not represent Montana as a whole state and fractures us in too many ways	Kim Lapp	kilapp@gmail.com	Terry	MT
CP12	Dislike	As drawn, this plan is not competitive, violating the commission's goal of a competitive district. It also separates communities that rely on each other and will lead to smaller communities being ignored.	Linda Lasko	linlasko@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	A natural geographical fit would put Helena in the western district, keeping its affinity with western areas like Butte and Missoula. Other proposals show more respect for Montana's geography.	Eric Edlund	eric.g.edlund@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 13's western district achieves a higher degree of partisan balance, and thus competitiveness. Montana is 57% R, 43% D, so there should be at least one district where the parties are evenly matched.	James Conner	jrc.kalispell@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP13	Like	<p>Dear Honorable Committee Members,</p> <p>Once again, I commend you on your considerable efforts during this process.</p> <p>Montana is growing, changing, evolving and we need as much balance as possible in order to not disenfranchise any community in this great state. As an INDEPENDANT resident of Montana I've taken a close look at both redistricting maps.</p> <p>I'd like to see the committee remain unbiased and I'd like to see a map that equally favors ALL Montana residents and is balanced from a political perspective.</p> <p>I much prefer the equilibrium offered by Proposal #13 to represent all Montana residents in Washington.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	DP Kastner	mintyswirljoy@gmail.com	St Ignatius	MT

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I commend you on your considerable efforts during this process.

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As an INDEPENDANT resident of Montana I've taken a close look at both redistricting maps.

I see a lot of cut and paste reasoning with arguments from both sides and I've read their reasoning which has been informative. What concerns me is the constant partisanship in this process, which is expected. However, I'd like to see the committee remain unbiased and I'd like to see a map that equally favors ALL Montana residents and ALSO doesn't favor EITHER political party. This map is no different than drawing a straight line down the state like Map 1.

For these reasons this map is not favorable to me. I like the equilibrium offered by Proposal #13 to represent all Montana residents in Washington.

Earlier today I submitted comments about Map CP12 and urged the Commissioners to reject that map in favor of Map CP11. I still believe Map CP11 is a more appropriate map for Montana than CP12; but at the time of my writing, I was unaware that Map CP13 existed. After studying Map CP13, I believe map CP13 is the fairest of the options under consideration and want to urge the commissioners to adopt Map CP13. It creates a new District that does not unduly favor one party over the other and would most likely be competitive. It also does an excellent job of keeping communities of interest and communities with cultural ties together. Map CP13 includes at least two Tribal nations in both districts, an improvement over Map CP11. This is an important improvement because the Blackfeet and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai have a long history of working together on common interests and both should be included in the Western District. Map CP13 keeps Helena in the Western District where it belongs because of it's common cultural and economic interests with Deer Lodge, Anaconda and Butte. This map also keeps Park County, Bozeman, Big Sky and West Yellowstone together which is important given their common interests and what is essentially an economic region. CP13 unfortunately divides Jefferson County from Butte and I think that is a mistake given their common interests and interconnectedness. This map also divides three counties which might not appear to be ideal; however, I believe it does so in a way that keeps communities of interests together and puts them in the District that has the most common interests with them. Map CP13 is a fair map that makes sense. As I stated in earlier comments, drawing the perfect map may be impossible. But I believe Map CP13 is the one that comes the closest of all those we've seen so far and it will serve Montanans well for the next ten years. I urge the Commissioners to adopt Map CP13. Thank you for your work and for considering my comments.

CP13	Like		Chloe Fessler	ChloeFessler@aol.com	Missoula	MT
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I support map CP13. It meets most of the criteria agreed to by the commission. Although a few communities are divided, communities of interest are not. Both districts are competitive and keep like geographic areas together.

CP13	Like		Becky Cox	BeckyMizoo@aol.com	Missoula	MT
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This map is good because it strives to make the voting districts as competitive as possible.

CP13	Like		Ethan Seiler	ethanseiler@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
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This map is unworkable because it is clearly designed to bias the GOP and is designed to make both districts uncompetitive. This map is a sham and a mockery of democracy. Do better.

CP12	Dislike		Ethan Seiler	ethanseiler@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
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CP11	Like	This map is the most competitive out of the new ones proposed, and serves to value Native voices based on what the tribes would prefer, which is something we should have been doing all along.	Ethan Seiler	ethanseiler@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose this map, as it violates what the tribes wish for, divides communities, and silences rural voters.	Ethan Seiler	ethanseiler@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Cp12 is unfair for many reasons posted over and over again. Cp13 is much more in line with fair voting districts for both parties.	Jame S. Rodich	jsrodich@jsrin.com	Troy	Montana
CP11	Like	Map #11 is the best map. I'm in Flathead county and the split makes sense.	Kelly Murphy	stuff4sale02@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	Again, it seems the republican contingent of the Commission has tried to stack the deck in favor of themselves. CP12, district 2 is NOT a bit competitive. It heavily favors Republicans. Our present Congressman does not listen or represent those Montanans who disagree with him. I deserve to be represented and this district map does not even allow the possibility of a Democrat getting elected. Montana has two parties, both of which should have the chance to be represented in the U.S. Congress, and CP12 districts are not competitive.	Rebecca Cox	BeckyMizoo@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map #12. It splits the ethnic votes so that they are displaced between the two districts and therefore have an insignificant voice.	Kelly Murphy	stuff4sale02@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP13	Dislike	I don't like this map because it splits too many counties and communities.	Lori Yurga	Yellowstone.my@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP13	Dislike	I am opposed to Map 13. I believe it unnecessarily divides communities and fails to provide fair representation for Montana's rural communities and Native Americans.	Bradley Ellison	bb.ellison@gmail.com	Condon	MT
CP12	Dislike	I don't think CP12 is a fair or equitable choice for Montana.	Lori Yurga	yellowstone.my@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12	Like	I fully support CP12: (1) it keeps Lewis & Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin Counties together and only splits one county; (2) it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, giving them teeth and a stronger voice in the new western district; and (3) it delineates competitive districts and equitable representation of Montanans. CP12 meets both Constitutional and State Law criteria. Thank you, Chair Smith and Commission, for your hard work and thoughtful consideration throughout the redistricting process.	Elizabeth Newsom	wijim.7@juno.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11	Like	CP 11 meets the major preferred selection criteria best in terms of being competitive, plus having common interests and economy, These Montanans with common interest deserve a right to have a reasonable chance at determining their choice of representation in our federal government.	Robert L Hawks	hawksrobert1635@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP12	Like	I am inclined to see Map 12 as the better option. It keeps nearly every county together, while ensuring that at least one district is competitive. I believe this reflects the intent of the districting mandate and provides opportunity for representation for the significant constituencies of Montana. Thank you for your consideration.	Linda Ellison	ellison.linda@gmail.com	Condon	MT
CP12	Like	I am in favor of map 12. I believe it follows the legislative and constitutional intent, and addresses needs of cities, rural communities and native American tribes.	Bradley Ellison	bb.ellison@gmail.com	Condon	MT
CP11	Like	This map also splits the population evenly and creates two competitive districts, as the maps should do. However, this one is not as good as Map 13 because of the way the reservations are split across the two districts, with all except one in a single district, and only the Flathead Reservation in District 1. This divides the tribes quite unevenly.	Danette Seiler	danette.seiler@umontana.edu	Missoula	MT

District map, trying to keep pace of and understand where District lines are, this process has been challenging. I am in support of the newly established proposal # 13. Following is my rationale; please observe the criteria, standards and goals established by the Commission through Constitutional law, National Voting Rights Act and public input at the beginning of this important process.

- 1- It is population equal.
- 2- This plan includes and keeps the Confederated Salish- Kootenai and Blackfeet Nations in a competitive district.
- 3- This plan does not unduly favor any political party because it establishes a truly competitive district.
- 4- This plan keeps Flathead County whole, and is a major move toward consensus, which has taken a lot of give and take on both sides.
- 5- This plan follows the historical precedent of the 1980's congressional map, keeping intact as many historical communities of interest as possible while achieving perfect population equality that acknowledges where Montanans live today.
- 6- This plan recognizes the importance of county integrity, city limits, and communities of interest. It splits no cities or towns and achieves population equality by acknowledging community of interest concerns in Flathead, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark and Gallatin Counties.
- 7- The tourism economies centered on Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are both included in the western district, keeping a bipartisan recognized community of interest intact.
- 8- The Canadian interface has representation in both districts, which addresses a concern raised by citizens along the border.
- 9- Both districts include sections of the Empire Builder Amtrak line, meaning both Representatives will have to advocate for funding for the train line.
- 10- This plan ensures District 2 has strong rural voices.
- 11- This plan largely maintains union continuity and representation.

CP12 Dislike Gordon Ash kmprash@centurylink.net Kalispell MT

This is the best of the newer maps. It keeps to the committee's charge to create districts that have equal population and which are both competitive. It also most closely matches one of the original maps that had the support of Montana's tribal communities. It answers concerns that previous maps had the entire Canadian border within one district, as well. This one ticks all the boxes for a fair map.

CP13 Like Danette Seiler danette.seiler@umontana.edu Missoula MT

		<p>I oppose this map (CP12). One of the goals that the commission agreed to is that the districts should be competitive. This is similar to another rule for the process, that the map should not favor one political party. Those are sensible rules that aim to build voter trust and engagement, and to make sure that our Congressperson is responsive to all their constituents, not just half of them.</p> <p>This map favors one political party - the GOP. The western district is not competitive. This is why Helena is cleaved off to the eastern district - to dilute the votes of Democrats.</p> <p>Please do not select this unfair map. CP 13 is the most competitive of the current options, so that's the best choice!</p>				
CP12	Dislike		Karin Kirk	karinkirk@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP-12. It is a gerrymandered construct designed to render both districts noncompetitive by pretending Helena does not belong in western Montana.	Tom Livers	livers.tom@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map violates the one of the main conditions, which is to create two competitive districts. Neither of these are competitive. This map also splits communities, such as Gallatin/Park counties, and Butte/Anaconda/Deer Lodge. These maps keep getting worse than the original maps!	Danette Seiler	danette.seiler@umontana.edu	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 because it does not meet the criteria for competitiveness set by the Commission.	Cammie Edgar	edgar3mt@gmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose this map because it does not meet the competitive criteria set by the commission.	Amy Sowers	amysowers@mac.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 because it does not meet the criteria for competitiveness set by the Commission.	Robin Pleninger	robin.pleninger@gmail.com	Ronan	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 would ensure that neither district had even a chance of being competitive, and that minority voices would have no representation. I oppose Map 12 & urge the Commission to reject it.	Sara Walsh	swalsh@3rivers.net	Augusta	MT
CP11	Dislike	CP11 is clearly the worst of the 4 remaining maps. It is the most gerrymandered and splitting Flathead County in this manner is a non-starter.	Lloyd Turnage	gbear_5@msn.com	St. Ignatius	Mt
CP12	Opinion	I oppose map 12 - this map unduly favors Republicans by splitting communities of interest including a small rural county. As Montanans, we deserve some competitiveness in our political landscape - it will make our state a better place for all its residents.	Alice Padgham	alicepadgham@gmail.com	Whitefish	Montana

CP12	Dislike	This map is makes it impossible for rural voices can nevery carry any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts meaning rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice. The splits of neighboring counties Park from Galaltin, Butte from Jefferson who have a fair amount in common. And separating Helena union workers from Bute, Anaconda and Deer Lodge is not right and fair. This is not a good map.	Janette M Rosman	janette@ronan.net	Charlo	Mt
CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to Map 12 because it does not meet the agreed criteria. Some of the boundaries illogically split communities of interest and it is clearly drawn to favor one party.	Jane Grochowski	Janewestmt@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Like	<p>Complaints regarding CP12 seem 90% (100%?) centered on the fact CP12 does not favor Democrats and not on any of the other criteria for redistricting - criteria which CP12 satisfies better than CP13. "â€¢ The commission may consider competitiveness of districts when drawing plans." This is an option, by at the bottom of the list of criteria, which this map satisfies far better than CP13. It follows historical precedent while accounting for current demographics, keeps districts compact and contiguous as best as possible, such as along county lines (only one county is split on this map), gives tribes a solid voice and vote in the western district, accounts for population demographics (this map does this well, though no map will be perfect) and keeps like local economies together (connecting agricultural communities, for instance - which this map does in a logical way).</p> <p>Complaints against CP12 seem to me to have more to do with one possible criteria, rather than all of the other necessary criteria. Many Republicans do, in fact, live in Montana. At the current moment the twists and turns (splicing three counties?) needed to create a redistricting map to increase Democrat competitiveness sacrifices too many of the central criteria to achieve that goal. See CP13 for an example. CP12 best reflects the current demographics, geography, economies, and parties of the state.</p>	Julie Fayen	julie.fayen@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	Of the final 4 maps, CP13 would be my 3rd choice. It is better than CP11, but places too much emphasis on being competitive rather than reflecting the character of the districts.	Lloyd Turnage	gbear_5@msn.com	St. Ignatius	Mt
CP12	Dislike	We want competitive maps. This is not competitive at all. This is not democratic or what our founding fathers wanted.	Nicholas Stevens	stevensmax1993@gmail.com	Helena	Montana

I strongly support CP11. Derek Skees complained about the gerrymandering that one of the proposals included, but including L&C County in the eastern district is clearly another form of gerrymandering. Placing L&C Co in the eastern district would put a lock on full Republican control of the State. The current Republican party does not resemble the party of 25 years ago and cannot be relied upon to rule fairly as demonstrated by the recent legislative session and subsequent alarming behavior. Now that we can see clearly what the Montana Republican party is about, CP10 and CP12 clearly create non-competitive Districts. The AP has demonstrated this clearly. Progressive and Independent voters, like me, would be locked out for another 10 years. I am a 69-year old life-long Independent voter raised in a conservative Republican family in SD. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

CP13	Like		James Melstad	jimamengineers@bresnan.net	HELENA, MT	MT
CP12	Dislike	We want a competitive map, and this map is absolutely not competitive.	Annie Peretz	arperetztn@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12	Dislike	We want a competitive map! This is not!	Rhayn Ransier	rhayn_ransier@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I want a competitive map that represents all Montanans and this isn't it.	Baird Linke	bairdlinke16@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I want a competitive map and this is not a competitive map!	Molly Verseput	Mverseput@yahoo.com	Helena	Mt
CP12	Dislike	i want a competitive map- this is not a competitive map. it's very disappointing.	Katie Jacobsen	katie.jacobsen1992@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Like	Of the remaining 4 maps, CP12 is my first choice. I keeps the Flathead and Blackfeet Reservations together, only splits 1 county, is contiguous and appears to minimize gerrymandering.	Lloyd Turnage	gbear_5@msn.com	St. Ignatius	Mt
CP12	Dislike	NO! Leave Helena and L&C County in the west. Neutralizing Helena and L&C County by hijacking them to a distinctly different District does not provide for voter representation. It takes western Montana political traditions and completely neutralizes them to maintain right-wing power in Montana for at least 10 more years. Our severe COVID situation is a prime example of where this road has taken us already.	James Melstad	jimamengineers@bresnan.net	HELENA, MT	MT
CP13	Dislike	I oppose this map. It does not represent a fair distribution.	Pamela Diamond	diamond273@live.com	Lolo	MT
CP12	Dislike	I have sent my comments to each member of the Redistricting Commission by email. Map 12 IS gerrymandering, and favors the Republican Party. Map 12 does NOT keep communities of interest intact. Map 12 PREVENTS rural parts of Montana from having a voice in Congress. Map 12 allows urban areas to overpower rural areas, thereby taking away their voice.	Christina K. Granrud	cgranrud@hotmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Like	I support this map as the best choice.	Pamela Diamond	diamond273@live.com	Lolo	MT

CP12	Dislike	This map does not meet the Commission's objective of creating competitive districts. I live in Billings, and as a democrat I do not believe my voice will be heard in District 2. I get that, but as an elected legislative representative and senator for the past 12 years it is important to realize that democratic voices and values are out here, and independents as well. This map creates a second district that strongly favors the GOP, in spite of a solid democratic presence in sections of Western Montana. I strongly believe that at least one Congressional district should be competitive, giving a fighting chance to good candidates from either party. This map does not come close to doing that.	Senator Mary McNally	Mary McNally	mcnally4mtleg@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 on the grounds that we need more fair and competitive elections. Map 12 gives the party with no new ideas and advantage by default.		Randy Peterson	angus3528@gmail.com	Drummond	Montana
CP12	Like	I like this map because it minimizes the confusion of splitting counties, which is one of the goals of this process. Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater and Park Counties, which are in drainage basins to east-flowing rivers, are in the eastern district.		Bridget Wanderer	bridgetrhye@msn.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	This is not a competitive map. Reject it.		Robyn Lauster	robynkcl@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	This is a terrible option, clearly favoring one party. It also ensures that rural voters will never have a say in national politics from the House of Representatives by splitting the largest metropolitan areas.		Charles W Wheeler	sagebrushgoldens@earthlink.net	Ronan	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map 12 because it favors Republicans and is not a competitive district.		Susan Jean Peterson	speterson5897@gmail.com	Drummond	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map #12 is not for Montana! The writers of the Montana Constitution wanted all of our citizens to have the same opportunity to participate in our government. That meant, the right to vote would be free and equal, without pressure to follow a specific party line. Map#12 does not allow the voters in the districts to be competitive.		JoLynn Yenne	jlyenne@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	Hooray for one-party rule!! Gerrymandering gone wild!! I'm teaching about European fascism in the 20s and 30s right now in my class. Fascists also hated democracy, and in their book, all was fair in love and war in order to end democracy and establish a one-party dictatorship. Your map proposal will accomplish this goal. Well played Republican Party, well played, I am impressed by your Machiavellianism!!		Bill Janus	bill.janus@umwestern.edu	Dillon	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Plain and simple--this map is not competitive! Do not pick this one!		Katie Scherfig	katieinmt@hotmail.com	Gallatin Gateway	MT
CP11	Like	This is the best map. Gallatin and Park counties should both be in the western district and so should Lewis and Clark. It is also competitive which must be top priority.		Katie Scherfig	katieinmt@hotmail.com	Gallatin Gateway	MT
CP12	Dislike	Another attempt to control the vote by controlling the voters. This continues to suppress progressive voters in Montana		Tim Miles	Trmiles7@yahoo.com	Miles City	Montana

CP12	Dislike	I dislike this map because I will probably never see a democrat congressman in district 2. With very little chance of a democrat being elected in the west with this map, I will never have anyone to represent my views.	Lee Richardson	lrich@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose Plan #12. It separates 2 important communities of interest with Gallatin/Park and Butte/Jefferson County. It also provides no chance at competitiveness.	Lyda Adair	ladair24@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I feel that counties should not be split, but kept together as a whole. There are many outside the major city that work and shop in the city. Their needs are the same as those living in the city. Keep Lewis & Clare, Gallatin, and Silver Bow counties as a whole.	Sandra Watkins Smith	sandiwatsmith@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP12, which violates the commission's duty to create at least one competitive district that does not unduly favor either political party. CP12 has a Cook PVI score outside the range of competitiveness and was clearly drawn specifically to favor the Republican Party by nonsensically placing Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district and dividing Park and Gallatin Counties. Helena has little in common with the rural eastern part of the state, and as a resident of Livingston for nearly a decade, I oppose the division of Gallatin and Park Counties, which are inextricably intertwined economically, socially, and culturally.	Amy Talcott	amyktalcott@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map 12 and urge the commissioners to do the same. It clearly does not meet the goal of competitive districts. The State is best served by competitive districts and by not dividing communities in Jefferson County/ Butte and Park County/ Gallatin. Thank You.	Amy Cilimburg	amycili@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	This map appears to be more of a "Let's make a safe Democrat seat" than an attempt to draw the boundary lines to keep the mutual interests of Western vs Eastern Montana intact.	Keith Baer	KeithB@Montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP11	Like	I support CP11, which is the only map that fulfills the commission's stated criteria and goals of creating at least one competitive district. This map keeps communities of interest together and ensures that Montana's larger communities like Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, and Butte—all of them linked economically and geographically by the I-90 corridor—have a voice in Congress. These communities are facing similar issues like rapid population growth, housing crises, skyrocketing cost of living, and issues related to higher education that communities in the more rural eastern district are largely unaffected by. By grouping together communities of interest and creating at least one competitive district, CP11 is the only fair and balanced map that ensures all Montanans have a fair shot at having their voices heard in Congress.	Amy Talcott	amyktalcott@gmail.com	Livingston	MT

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CP11	Like	<p>I am in favor of Map #11. This map has a competitive district, the one that I reside in. District 2 is not competitive and favors the republican party. If both of the districts are not competitive, voters who are not in favor of the republican agenda are not going to be represented at all. In a competitive district, a winning candidate will need to be supported by at least some of the opposing party or at least a significant number of the independent voters. A competitive district will be more likely to produce representatives that give all Montanans representation. Isn't that what this is all about?</p>	Richard Misplon	rmisplon1@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
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CP12	Dislike	<p>I oppose Map #12. This plan ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice.</p>	Simia Ranieri	simia@me.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	<p>I support this map.</p>	Bob Carter	montanarjc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	<p>I oppose this map.</p>	Bob Carter	montanarjc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP13	Like	I support this map.	Bob Carter	montanarjc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to Map #12. The 2 Congressional Districts need to be competitive and fair. Map 12 is not. I prefer MAP 13.	Elaine Snyder	elaine.buckskin@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to Map 12. This map has no competitive districts and favors the republican party. That means that voters who are not in favor of the republican agenda are not going to be represented at all. If at least one of the districts is competitive, a winning candidate will need to be supported by at least some of the opposing party or at least a significant number of the independent voters. A competitive district will be more likely to produce representatives that give all Montanans representation. Isn't that what this is all about?	Richard Misplon	rmisplon1@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map does not meet the criteria originally agreed upon. Map 12 unfairly supports one party. Let's stop pandering to the elephant in the room.	Alexander Newby	alexandercnewby@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP12 because it creates districts where one party has won over 75% of the votes in the past eight years in one district and 100% of the vote in the other district over the past 8 years in the other district. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission adopted as a goal.	catriona j simms	cjmls42@gmail.com	missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not support CP 12 as it does not create competitive districts. Population equality does not meet the goal of being competitive.	Kevin Bristol Vahlbusch	kbv136@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	Map #11 is the fairest map. It keeps like communities together and gives Native communities a chance to be heard.	Minh-Ha Trieu	minhhatrieu@yahoo.com	Rollins	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map does not offer competitive districts, and also divides communities of interest. Please oppose it and support maps 11 or 13.	Robert Ross Frazier	rrossfrazier@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Dislike	CP12 does not work for Montana values. Let's focus on being competitive and working together politically.	Tom Javins	buy@javins.net	Missoula	MT
CP11	Like	I like this map because it is the best chance of having a fair election. It keeps the college towns together and does not split up the union towns of Helena and Butte. It is also the better map for elevating Native voices. I trust the opinions of the Indigenous people who have said they support this map.	Lisa Heil	floatswithclouds@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP13	Like	I support Map 13 the most out of the 4 final (if we can trust the maps to be final) alternatives. It meets the stated criteria of equal population and is the least biased toward one party.	Lucretia Olson	lucretia.o@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP13	Like	Map 13 is the most fair and competitive according to the Cook PVI, so it should therefore be the chosen map. Maps 10 and 12 are not competitive and should not have even been an option.	William Hanley	runningfromtrees@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP11	Like	I support Map 11. It fits the criteria stated by the committee of being population equal and competitive.	Lucretia Olson	lucretia.o@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11	Like	This map fits the criteria for being equal and competitive. 10 and 12 should not even be options, as the Cook PVI shows they are not fair and competitive.	William Hanley	runningfromtrees@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose Map 10. This map is not competitive and violates the stated goals of the redistricting committee. Why would this map even be considered if it doesn't fit the basic criteria? It also splits Gallatin County, which seems an obvious attempt at gerrymandering.	Lucretia Olson	lucretia.o@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11	Like	This map seems to be the most competitive. It does not split towns and counties like the other maps do and it puts most of the western half of the state together	Candace Jerke	medbow@bresnan.net	FLORENCE, MT	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map 12. This map is clearly not competitive, as measured by the Cook PVI score. The clearly stated objectives set by YOUR redistricting commission prior to the process was that the chosen map be population equal and competitive. This map is NOT competitive. Therefore, this map must be rejected or you must admit that this committee is hypocritical, biased, and pandering to one political party.	Lucretia Olson	lucretia.o@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12	Dislike	CP 12 does not meet the Commission's criteria of creating competitive districts.	Gloria Curdy	gcurdy@bridgemail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Map #12 is clearly partisan and unfair. It obviously favors one party by splitting up Helena and Butte. It also splits up a small, rural county. Rural counties will not have a voice under this map. Please do not choose this map.	Minh-Ha Trieu	minhhatrieu@yahoo.com	Rollins	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map is not competitive for both parties. You should not divide Lewis & Clark county	Candace Jerke	medbow@bresnan.net	FLORENCE, MT	MT
CP12	Dislike	I think Map 12 has a very low score on the Cook competitiveness score. As a longtime Miles City resident and historic eastern District voter, we know we must have competitiveness for a representative to even give us the time of day. Vote no on 12 and Vote for Map 13.	Deborah L Hanson	hans_deb@hotmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP11	Like	Of the final 4 maps, I support CP11 the most. CP11 most closely meets the Congressional Criteria and Goals. CP11 only divides 1 county. It does not split any cities. The map is as compact and contiguous as possible and it is the most fair in terms of not providing significant favor to either political party. I encourage you to vote for this proposal. Thank You!	Ahren Cornelius	ahri.cornelius@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I think this Map 12 is unfair and not according to the commission's guidelines for a competitive district.	Mary Langenderfer	mlangend@msn.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP 12, as not competitive, dividing Lewis and Clark county. I vote for CP 11	Frances Tucker	fmtucker2@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is unfair and not competitive.	Rachael Simpson	rachsim2003@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP-12 because it unfairly favors Republicans and gives little power to rural voters.	sue silverberg	suebird.silverberg@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana

CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not meet the goal of competitive districts written by the commission. Helena should be in Western Montana and the Bozeman area shouldn't be split.	Nancy Sendler	nancysendler@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Why bother to have an election with such an uncompetitive map as Map 12 -- This plan creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party. Map 12 is the epitome of gerrymandering in favor of the Republican Party.	Mary Catherine Dunphy	mcdunphy04@hotmail.com	Miles City	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP-12 because it unfairly favors Republican voters and lessens the voice of rural people in MT.	sue silverberg	suebird.silverberg@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12	Like	CP 12 does not provide a competitive congressional district. We have had too many Republicans governing everything in our state whether we like it or not. I vote for Map 11.	Josef Pastor	josefwpastor@hotmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP12	Like	I like CP12 because it minimizes county splits, is compact, contiguous, and does not unduly favor one political party. CP12 only splits one county, not three. Lewis and Clark County, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties should be kept in the East. They are in the Missouri River drainage, which flows in the east. Like Eastern Montana these three counties also rely on agriculture.	Janet Derrington	jntderrington@yahoo.com	Lolo	Mt
CP13	Like	I supported Map 11 but Map 13 is a reasonable compromise. It seems to be fair in regard to even population and competitive districts. It keeps Flathead county intact and it has two tribal nations in option. Thank you for your consideration.	Sharon Lamar	lamar@blackfoot.net	Condon	MT
CP12	Dislike	This plan splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. County splits should respect communities of interest. Large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically. This would ensure real representation for communities divided within a county. This plan ensures that rural voices will never carry a day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice. Please consider rural communities when making these decisions as they are impacted greatly.	Ashley South	asouth1324@gmail.com	Troy	Montana
CP12	Dislike	CP12 is NOT fair!! This process is supposed to be fair, impartial, apolitical, etc., etc. Please make this process equitable. CP12 is not equitable at this time.	Keith W Blaylock	kblay211@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12	Like	I like CP12. It is much better than CP11 or CP13. Both CP11 and CP13 carve things up very much like gerrymandering, and both attempt to give democrats an undue advantage. Both CP11 and CP13 attempt to make one district more competitive than the other - the very definition of unduly favoring a political party.	Edward Dickman	edward.dickman@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Like	This map makes a whole lot more sense than trying to divide Flathead county and put part of it with an Eastern county. Keep it simple.	Shannon Mercer	happy_abode@yahoo.com	Whitefish	MONTANA
CP12	Dislike	I support 11 or 13	Jon Reny	jreny@kvis.net	Libby	MT
CP12	Like	I support this District 11 because it doesn't favor one political party and is competitive	Judy Olsen	judestero@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is the worst of the remaining maps, all of which suffer from too tight of a definition on "equal population".	Jim Hamilton	mtsusquehanna@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT