

CP #	Opinion	Comment	Name	Email	City	State
CP10	Like	I think out of the final two maps this is the best option. I know splitting Galatin county is not ideal, but it protects Flathead county from being split up and taken advantage of by the democratic party. Realistically Galatin should have been moved over completely to the East. With that said, there is no reason why Flathead county should ever be considered part of eastern Montana. It is clearly on the WEST side of the state. For that reason I am 100% for this proposition. To split up that county is for political gain ONLY and I am not willing to play the dirty games these politicians are asking us to participate in. CP 10 allows a fair division among the state. NO TO CP 11 YES TO CP 10.	Ashley Noonan	ashley.noonan20@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11	Dislike	Leaving Kalispell out of this map is a bad idea and clear evidence that this map is intentionally consolidating liberal parts of the state and excluding conservatives ones. Kalispell is clearly part of the cultural and geographic area of the western district and should not be excluded on the basis of making a "competitive" or "fair" (what is that even supposed to mean?) district. That is not the purpose of congressional districts.	Ashton Blake	ashton.blake1@outlook.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP11	Like	Map 11 divides the population most fairly. It groups Livingston with Bozeman, which seems appropriate, since they lie so close together and face similar challenges with rapid growth and development. Map 11 also receives a great rating on the stated goal of competitiveness.	Shelley Freese	shelleyfreese@gmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP11	Opinion	I support maps that are compact and competitive and that keep Park Co and Gallatin Co together in a western district. Park Co is increasingly a bedroom community for Bozeman, and both rely on each other economically. Park Co has more in common with Gallatin Co than it does with Glendive. It is also important to have Yellowstone NP represented by the same district, to ensure consistency essential to the well-being of that ecosystem and for the livelihood of gateway communities. For this, I am in support of maps 11 and 13. Thank you.	GAIL MEAKINS	g.meakins@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11	Like	Map 11 is the fairest map. It keeps Bozeman together with western Montana that shares its interest.	Risa Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	I still prefer this map. That said, keeping Flathead County intact would be better. As an independent voter, I think the absence of the appearance of gerrymandering is more important than precise population counts. People move, population changes but many things are stricter around our Counties.	Robyn Morrison	coevals_slather.05@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP11	Like	I support Map 11. It is a fair map that fits the criteria agreed upon by the committee of being population equal and competitive.	Leah Berry	berry4392@gmail.com	Laurel	MT
CP11	Like	Fair is what is fair to me. This is the most fair map	Joseph Baan	josephbaan96@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana

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CP11 Dislike	This is a RIDICULOUS proposition. Why on God's Green earth does it make sense to separate Flathead county? It needs to stay exactly where it's located IN WESTERN MONTANA. I refuse to let the democratic party once again ruin another state by gerrymandering it's way through. Take your California ideologies elsewhere. Splitting this county means that the democrats are looking to gain power in a way that is completely shady and un-beneficial to the Montana people. THIS IS A BIG NO FROM ME.	Ashley Noonan	ashley.noonan20@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I am in favor of Map 11 as is is a fair map, values Native voices, splits the population evenly and adheres to the criteria.	Betsy Swartz	betsy@betsyswartz.com	Bozeman	mt
CP12 Like	Simply because of all the Dislike comments clustered in the Bozeman, Butte, Helena, and Missoula areas, I like this plan. The vast majority of those comments use some version of the term non-competitive. Just change that term to competitive, and that is the real reason why they dislike this map. District 1 negative comments just means they want to carve out a liberal district that is non competitive. Typical liberal justification. It only proves they want a non competitive district that favors liberals, who have differing views of the Montana way of life. They got blasted in the statewide elections of 2020 and are clawing to be over represented in a Federal Congressional district. Please disregard the negative comments from those areas. They don't represent Montana values and want a California type district, not one that represents the majority of what Montanans think. Get a grip and learn how to win elections on policy, not liberal group think.	Kevin Connors	kconnors@gmail.com	Lewistown	MT
CP12 Dislike	Mathematically this map divides the State similarly to CP-11; however in this case, CP-12 separates communities of interest, and does not provide those connected in industry and/or lifestyle-geography with adequate representation. Why consider CP-12 not CP-11 if not but for the insistence of a political party to be most advantageous?	Brandon Prior	brandon.m.prior@gmail.com	Alberton	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is not competitive. It does not meet the criteria our state needs to have fair elections. It unduly favors one political party. I do not support this map.	Laura Langdon	lrlangdon@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	Eastern Montana Counties in fairness to low population areas should receive equal Representation in Our State due to size not just population #'s. Vote For Map 13 please.	James M Conard	itsme@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 is uncompetitive and strategically separates voters in a way that ensures they have no voice.	Audrey Glendenning	audrey.glendenning@umontana	Missoula	MT

	<p>The Commission asked the public to weigh in on CP 12, and Montanans overwhelmingly disapproved of it.</p> <p>The Commission ignored the voices of Tribes in moving an uncompetitive map forward.</p> <p>CP 12 gives Republicans a massive electoral advantage and all but ensures that no Democrat has a chance to hold either seat for the next decade.</p> <p>Please find a compromise on Tuesday to make CP 12 more competitive so everyone has a voice in our democracy.</p>	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike					
CP12 Like	<p>I like Map 12 over the other options. It tends to align with the geography of the state and the issues that the state faces are different as you move east. Having recently arrived from a state that is notorious for political manipulation, I am encouraged that Montana resists the urge to bow to politics that don't align with the values of Montanan's! Well done</p>	Scott Lannoo	scott.lannoo@gmail.com	Corvallis	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>Districts should be drawn so they represent the majority of voters within them to ensure their interests are represented. That is true democracy. Moving Helena to the eastern district is unacceptable.</p>	Linda Lasko	linlasko@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Thank you for considering this compromise map. It is appropriate to have Kalispell with the communities of the west and to keep the county whole.</p> <p>There has been a tremendous effort by the commissioners to listen to the public and we appreciate all your work.</p>	Ronalee Skees	Ronaleeskees@gmail.com	kalispell	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>CP12 does not meet the Congressional Map Criteria or Goals. It foremost is placing too much advantage for Republicans in both districts. The Western district at the very least needs to be competitive. Secondly Helena and Lewis and Clark County will not be fairly or equally represented if they are in the Eastern District. They both need to be in the Western District. This map is nod to Republicans and stinks of gerrymandering. I am asking you to either heavily tweak this map or discard it in favor of CP11.</p>	Ahren Cornelius	ahri.cornelius@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>More concessions/tweaks need to be made before deciding on an exact final map. CP12 (put forth by the Republicans on the Commission) creates districts that are not competitive. Intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican Party violates the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission's goal of not unduly favoring any one political party. This plan also slices Park County off from Gallatin County. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and Park County's interests run a great risk of being ignored if placed in the Eastern District. Putting Lewis & Clark County in the Eastern District (when it has historically been in the West) will disenfranchise many voters in Western Montana, as CP12 will not allow them a fair shot at their vote being heard.</p>	Bonita K Vonderhaar	chicobonnie@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP12 Dislike	These districts do not fairly group the geographical characteristics that the voting district should be trying to represent.	Nate Wold	nathanaelrwold@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support CP12 at all, and think it is a poor choice for our final map. Not only because it does not create a competitive district, but because it splits Helena from the western district, as well as areas surrounding Butte and Bozeman (Jefferson and Park Counties).	Micah Sewell	micah.g.sewell@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP 12. It does not create political competition in Montana. By severing the economic, population, and cultural ties between Helena and Lewis and Clark Country from Western Montana as a whole, Jefferson County from Butte-Silver Bow, and Park County and Livingston from Bozeman and Gallatin County, it gives advantage to the Republican Party in both Congressional Districts. We have a constitutionally-mandated neutral Congressional District Commission for a reason, and Map 12 reflects the kind of bad faith political machinations that everyone hates about gerrymandering. In no reality in Montana is Helena in Eastern Montana. Map 12 should be voted down by the Chair and other members of the Commission.	Rebecca Schmitz	schmitzrebecca@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map unfairly gerrymanders Montana to advantage Republicans. Specifically, the splitting of Livingston from the Bozeman area in Gallatin County is splitting a community of interest that should be kept together. Many people live in Livingston but drive to and work in Bozeman. Livingston and its surrounding areas should be included with Bozeman and Gallatin County. To even out the population shift, Powell County should be shifted to the Eastern District - it has more in common with those areas than it does with the other areas in the Western District.	Bradley Dunn-meier	bradley.dunnmeier@gmail.com	Troy	MT

As stated on the Commission's website, "Each and every Montanan is entitled to an equal voice in the halls of the U.S. Congress and under the dome of the state Capitol in Helena. This is where that promise is kept." However, Proposal 12, does not keep that promise. In fact, it assures that Montana will continue to be dominated by Republican perspectives and lawmakers.

I live in Clancy Montana, just south of Helena. Clancy, like Helena, suddenly finds itself in the Eastern District, although we are located in the western portion of the state and have more in common with other western communities.

An examination of voting patterns over the last decade shows that the proposed split would favor Republicans, defying the Commission's objective of not unduly favoring a political party. On the other hand, Proposal 13 more fairly splits the districts and promotes competition between the parties.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment. I urge you to reconsider the Commission's preference for Proposal 12 and instead adopt Proposal 13, a much more impartial apportionment of the districts that would promote, rather than impede, competition and provide better options and fair elections for all Montanans.

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CP12 Dislike

I oppose Map CP12 and urge an alternative that provides a realistic possibility of a different outcome than a guaranteed Republican seat for the next decade. Map CP12 is not competitive and will assuredly deliver a guaranteed Republican Representative for more than a decade in a state that historically and based on current demographics is not solidly Republican. We should be choosing a map that at least provides some kind of realistic pathway for people embracing popular ideas like expanding health care, supporting workers rights, investing in education and the environment, and addressing income inequality to have a representative that supports those policies. Map CP12 locks in disenfranchisement for these people for at least a decade in a manner that is unjustified by historical or current voting preferences. Any map picked should support the possibility of maintaining Montana as a "purple" state, which aligns with the reality of our populace which collectively does not find itself solidly in either camp.

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Bozeman

MT

CP12 Dislike

I approve of map CP12. It is the most equitable division.

Joanne Maycox

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MT

CP12 Like

CP12 Dislike	<p>With the most updated version of CP12 which has been announced to be the front runner for the redistricting, you have chosen to not only split pondera county, but the rural addresses of Valier MT, which is a very small farming community. You have included North of Valier in District 2 where you have included Valier itself and a few miles around it in district 1. This essentially strips away those few farming and ranching families away from our communities representation. I believe that the better socio-economic and geographic choice would be to have district 1 stay to the east of town where it turns south at the junction of the Valier Highway and the Belgium hill road to also continue North to the Natural Boundary of the Marias river, yes it will leave the districts not evenly split on population, but please don't rip apart our small town. An alternative would also be to continue north along frontier road which is a natural socioeconomic and geographic border between Valier and Conrad in our local identities and politics.</p>	Kyle Dean	kylebradendean@gmail.com	Valier	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>CP 12 is inherently flawed - it does not provide two competitive districts, and splits communities of interest, such as Park County and Gallatin County. It does not follow the criteria set forth by the commission earlier in the year. I fervently oppose CP 12.</p>	Hannah Lang	hannah.lang.educ@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I fully support CP12 as proposed. Previous iterations/options make much less sense. Flathead County, for example, belongs in the Western District. This proposal is the most faithful to the desires of the Commission's goals.</p>	Rev. Robin K Nice Bjella	Robknb@iCloud.com	Winifred	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>This map unfairly gerrymanders Montana to advantage Republicans. Specifically, the splitting of Livingston from the Bozeman area in Gallatin County is splitting a community of interest that should be kept together. Many people live in Livingston but drive to and work in Bozeman. Livingston and its surrounding areas should be included with Bozeman and Gallatin County. To even out the population shift, Powell County should be shifted to the Eastern District - it has more in common with those areas than it does with the other areas in the Western District.</p>	Kimberly Dudik	kimberly.dudik@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>CP12 is a map that still heavily favors Republicans and does not create a competitive district. The majority of people supported CP11. Why choose the more unpopular redistricting map unless you are trying to work for Republican interests? Helena should not be in the Eastern district and this map takes away the voices of the people who live there. Please reconsider.</p>	Crystal Kobayashi	crystal.kobayashi@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>This map dilutes the rural vote and does not keep like communities together. It is ridiculous that Helena is not in the West district. Jefferson county has very little industry - we work in Helena or Butte. Neither district is competitive. Does it really matter if the population difference is a couple thousand but keeps like communities together?</p>	Jeanie Thiel	jrthiel2@gmail.com	Boulder	Montana

CP12 Dislike	Besides the commonsense argument of putting park co in the same district as gallatin county for economic/bedroom community purposes, they should also be in the same district because these two counties are the only counties in montana that contain a portion of Yellowstone national park, a vital ecosystem and one of the largest remaining intact ecosystem in lower 48. Montana's Yellowstone deserves to have 1 representative that can provide one unified voice to advocate for the park in Washington DC. There are many issues facing the park and surrounding public lands, and conflicting views from a divided congress would only hurt a park that brings in billions of dollars a year to the local economy. Please reconsider amending the plan to include park county into the western district, to ensure protection of our greatest national park, the incredible resources there, and bolster the economies that depend on those resources.	Kyle meakins	Kmeaks1@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12 Dislike	This map is a travesty, and violates the guidelines of the commission. Hot mess disenfranchises large swaths of the population and creates two completely uncompetitive districts, ensuring at least another decade of tyrannical one-party rule. Park County should be in the Western District with Gallatin.	Justin Brown	brownstudier@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is unfairly balanced to support one party. Those who are pushing for this are afraid they will lose an election, not because they care what the majority of Montanans want. I will fight harder to make our democracy equal for all peoples after seeing the games politicians are playing to stay in power.	Linda Ramirez	lindaannramirez@outlook.com	Clancy	Montana
CP12 Like	Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and create at least one competitive district. CP 12 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. The result is not competitive and is intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party, which violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.	Howard Williams	406howard@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Like	This is a reasonable balance between consolidating counties east and west at the same time maintaining population balance between the two. Political arguments for political advantage should not be a factor in drawing lines.	Tryg Dahle	starward@tutanota.com	Gallatin Gateway	montana

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Republicans won every single statewide election in both of these districts in the most recent election. There were 8 statewide races in 2020 and Republicans won all of them in both districts. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.

This plan separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day, and it makes no sense at all to separate the two communities.

This plan intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

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CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is not a true representative of this area and is unfair to rural voters.	Arden Hoffman	ardenmh@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map is not at all competitive and does not do justice to the diversity of our state. This map is biased to favor one political party which leaves many of us without a voice in our government. Additionally, separating Park county from Gallatin county is, frankly, absurd. Finally, this map is really unbalanced with regard to our Native American population.	Gingermay Miller	gingiemay87@gmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP12	Dislike	The persistence in carving out portions of the new district to insure there is not political competition just keeps rearing its head. This map is like the others that gerrymander the new district so there is NO chance of political competition and disenfranchises the voices of democrats in the state of MT. A properly drawn map provide a competitive district as the committee was directed. Please do not choose this map!	Jen Scanlon	jen.scanlon.js@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I'm opposed to this map. Park county need to be in the same district as Gallatin county. A large portion of the people that live in Park, work in Gallatin county.	Nancy Cornwell	crestain@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike		Jill Balanda	jbad99@hotmail.com	Livingston	Montana

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CP12	Dislike	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.	Lisa Pavlock	lisapavlock@gmail.com	St. Ignatius	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not create equally represented, competitive districts and represents blatant favoritism to one of the two major parties.	Shane Majszak	smajszak007@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	We want a competitive map to represent all Montanans and give everyone a chance to be elected each cycle no matter what party they are in. This map is not it and needs to be revised to provide more competitive districts.	Andrea Getts	amgetts@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP12	Dislike	I strongly urge you to reject this map. There is no way the towns of Sidney and Helena should be in the same district. Helena and Lewis and Clark County in it's entirety should be in the West. This process needs to be fair, unbiased, and equally competitive in each district. Map #12 is none of these things. Please reset and let's get this right for the people of Montana.	Ben Diveley	kettlebrew@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	Splitting Park and Gallatin counties does not support competitive redistricting. I oppose this map CP12 as it would not be representative or fair.	Brooke Flynn	flynnquilt@gmail.com	Red Lodge	MT
CP12	Dislike	UNACCEPTABLE. I REJECT YOUR BIAS. THIS IS HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH REPUBS. THIS IS NOT EQUITABLE. YOU HAVE PURPOSEFULLY CONFUSED THE PUBLIC BY ALL THESE LAST 2 "MAPS" AND YOUR LAST MINUTE GAMES. I SUPPORT CT13 THAT!!! IS MORE EQUITABLE. SHAME ON YOU.	Dawn Gandalf	dawngandalf@gmail.com	Trout Creek	MT
CP12	Dislike	Park and Gallatin Counties are codependent on one another from an economic and civic perspective. Splitting Park from the Western District discounts the connection.	Jude Waerig	waerigjude@yahoo.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12	Like	I support this map- cp12. I would have rather seen more of the southern part of state to the East and more of the northern state to the West like cp5, to be fair geographically. A middle divider that runs equally lateral like cp1 would have been great, and I think gathered more voter support, but I believe this is a good compromise- if that's what it takes. This map keeps counties together in the proposed districts. I agree this one is better representation compared to cp13, 11, or 10.	Stacy B	daisydogg77@outlook.com	Noxon	MT

CP12 Dislike	I oppose splitting Park county and gallatin county in the strongest possible terms. Map 12 is a gerrymandered joke of a map intended to keep the radical Republican right in power for generations. Park county is a major bedroom community of Bozeman, and both heavily rely on the other economically. Furthermore, Yellowstone national park and its gateway communities deserve to have the same representation in congress. We need the same person fighting for all communities and for natural resources. Park county has much more in common with gallatin county and the western district than we do with glendive, miles city, or Billings. You must revise this map to include park county in the western district or else we are doomed to a decade or more of ultra partisan animosity and division. Please do the right thing. Thank you.	Kyle Meakins	Kmeaks1@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I am opposed to Map 12 because Republicans have consistently won these districts in the past, and it also is not competitive regarding the native vote. Please consider that Map 12 does not meet the stated guidelines for competitiveness.	Shelley Freese	shelleyfreese@gmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP12 Dislike	I am against Map 12 because the way it is drawn heavily favors the Republican Party and is not competitive. Everyone should get a fair vote of who they want to represent them regardless of their political party.	Brooks McCartney	Brooks.m@live.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Opinion	12 and 13 are both OK, but I it seems to me that there'd be more compactness with L&C/Jeffco in the West, and Gallatin 100% in the East. I think 'fair' is best captured by compactness. I do not think it 'fair' to gerrymander in pursuit of 'competitive races'. After 240+ years, Americans are sick of gerrymandering, especially when the winning side defines 'competitive races' then uses that definition to define 'fair'.	T F JOhnson	tfjohnson55@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every day. It makes no sense at all to separate the two communities.	Kathleen P McLaughlin	poodymc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 unduly favors one political party and will result in a uncompetitive district, which degrades the representation Montanans will receive in Congress	Dan Fenn	fenn.dan@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 unduly favors one political party over another, directly violating the criteria set forth by the Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission. Montana needs congressional lines drawn that are competitive and do not favor just one political party. Cmon Commission, cowboy/cowgirl up and fulfill your stated obligation to all the people of Montana.	Eric scranton	Eric_scranton@hotmail.com	Bozeman	Mt
CP12 Dislike	I dislike Map 12 primarily because it does not create a competitive district.	Amy Gallagher	amygalla16@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose this map as it is less competitive than the other proposal. Helena was also historically considered part of the Western district.	Jason Krumbeck	dptjason@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 prioritizes county boundaries over the shared interests of the people who live in them and results in a map that favors a single party.	ANDREW DUNN	a-dunn@outlook.com	BUTTE	MT

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CP12 Like		elizabeth story	elizabethastory@frontier.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 unduly favors one political party over another, directly violation the criterion set forth in the Montana Districting & Appointment Commission. Montana needs congressional lines drawn that are fair and just to each political party.	Berit Hansen	Bch0904@gmail.com	Townsend	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I oppose this map because it does not appear to create one district that might be competitive. Having at least one district that's competitive is very important to keep people interested in voting. This is one of the most important goals of the commission. The western district created by this map still appears to lean Republican, to the point where it might disenfranchise a lot of Montana voters in Western Montana.	Kristi DuBois	kdubois@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I strongly feel that map 13 is the best non partisan choice for Montana and oppose map 12 as strongly slanted towards one party.	linda fry	lindfry@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12 Dislike	Considering about half of Montanans lean Democrat and half Republican, this redistricting should not heavily favor one (Republican) party, which map 12 does; therefore I oppose it.	Scott Eric Weaver	sweaver00@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Dislike	I live in Rural MT & I dislike Map 12 because it's clearly biased in the direction of Republicans it ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district.	Kierstin Schmitt	montanaks@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT
CP12 Dislike	I strongly oppose this map because it is not competitive. Montana desperately needs good ideas from both parties.	Alexander Shaffer	alexshaffer@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is clearly flawed - an obvious gerrymander - because both the Helena area and the Bozeman area are divided in such a way as to deprive those voters of representative government. I support either map 11, or map 13.	Alan Collins	pomdancingbear@yahoo.com	Trego	MT

CP12	Dislike	I am concerned about the balance of urban to rural spaces in Map 12. When rural spaces are not given a loud enough voice, candidates are not incentivized to BE in rural spaces and listen to constituents there. Our district 1 and 2 breakdown should not marginalize rural voters.	Hannah L Nash	hannahnash@gmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP12, as I believe that the issues that matter most to citizens of Helena and Lewis&Clark County are more closely aligned with what other western Montana cities and counties view as their most important issues. It makes sense for Lewis and Clark County to be represented by the same person that will tackle these important issues for the rest of western Montana.	Whitner Chase	whitnerchase@gmail.com	Helena, MT	United States
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP 12 because it does not follow the guidelines that require a district to be competitive, that is, not favor one party. This one clearly favors the Republican Party. A congressional district should not favor any party--in other words should avoid gerrymandering.	Suzanne Aboulfadl	saboulfadl@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is not fair to a two-party system.	Inese Wheeler	lnese@bresnan.net	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Like	The Commission needs to minimize the splitting of counties, as stated in the Commission's goals. The Democrat Commission members map splits three counties total, while the Republican map only splits one.	John Pietsch	pietsch.jp@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Opinion	#12 is not a fair option if we want to hear all the votes equally.	Gerald Wheeler	globalscienceteacher@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I think splitting the county between two districts limits the collective thoughts of the constituents and their ability to be represented as a whole. I do not support CP12	Robert Hjelm	ushjelms@3rivers.net	Conrad	MT
CP12	Dislike	I don't support this map. It is not competitive and it splits communities that should have the same representation: Bozeman/Livingston, Helena/Western Montana.	Dan Cohn	daniel.r.cohn@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Like	This one doesn't gerrymander the state like the Dems want to do!	Alfred W. Picinni	ecmsgt@bresnan.net	Bigfork	MT.
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12. This map is drawn to eliminate the threat of competition. To espouse Montana values and respect the state constitution, all citizens must at least have a chance for representation. Map 12 removes even the chance of a voice for nearly half of all Montanans for at least 10 years. It intentionally divides working class Montana votes by splitting union communities. Right to Work was rejected by working class Montana and this map ensures workers cannot collectively use their again. I do not like that Gallatin is split in map 13 but it does make a compromise that would give all Montanans a chance at representation. I like map 11 better than map 13 but realize a compromise is necessary.	Derek Ivester	derek@mountainfreshice.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12	Like	I don't know how anything could be more fail than CP12.	JAMES W. ABEL	jimoutcold@bresnan.net	BILLINGS	MT
CP12	Dislike	As a citizen of Gallatin county and the city of Bozeman, I am opposed to map CP 12. It creates non-competitive areas and political bias. As a commission you all unanimously agreed to avoid both of these issues yet this map is still on the table. I urge you to select map CP 11 as an alternative. It is an unbiased, competitive map that better represents our state and will also accommodate for the growth our communities are experiencing.	Mary Margaret M Smith	maggie@themeateater.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Like	I don't know how anything could be more fair than CP12.	JAMES W/ ABE;	jimoutcold@bresnan.net	BILLINGS	MT

CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map CP 12.	Hunter Simpkins	girlgonzo@fastmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not support Map 12 as it creates two heavily Republican districts. This violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.	Francesca diStefano	francesca_24@hotmail.com	kalispell	Montana
CP12	Dislike	There should be a fairer way to redistrict. Regardless of any party affiliation, the two districts should be made equal in voters of both parties. We need to get back to civilized open debate about the issues that matter to all voters of our State and redistricting should not be a chance to cement any parties power.	BOB LEE	blee1607@hotmail.com	Polson	MT
CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to map 12 because it divides communities in Gallatin county and creates 2 noncompetitive districts. Therefore it fails to meet criteria set by the commission. I urge you to adopt map 11 - which creates 1 competitive district and that does not favor one political party over another.	Nike G Stevens	stevenswildlife@earthlink.net	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose this map because it does not meet the criteria for competitiveness that the Commission unanimously set. This map creates two noncompetatives districts.	Joanne Berry	joanneanibaldiberry@hotmail.cc	Lewistown	MT
CP12	Dislike	I dislike this map because it doesn't meet the competitive district's criteria that the commission unanimously approved. This district makes elected officials less accessible and accountable to all of their constituents.	Leah Berry	berry4392@gmail.com	Laurel	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map is not competitive.	Gabrielle Eklund Rowley	gabrielleeklund@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map separated communities of interest and is not competitive. This map will not hold elected officials accountable or give every Montanan a voice.	Caroline Pharr	crpharr@gmail.com	Helena	MT

I oppose map 12 and support map 11. Map 12 gerrymanders our state to create two non-competitive districts. This Commission has a mandate to not unduly favor one political party. Please honor that mandate.

The GOP plan puts Helena in the deeply Republican eastern district with no hope of electing someone who shares your values.

Their plan separates Butte from Jefferson County, even though people commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day.

Their plan intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

Their plan slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2.

Their plan splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople.

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.

CP12	Dislike		Grace Hodges	grace.hodges@charter.net	Helena	MT
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CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to Map 12.	Betsy Swartz	betsy@betsyswartz.com	Bozeman	MT
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Map 12, in reality, disenfranchises one political party in Montana. With no chance to have a member of its party representing it, that party has no vote. It has no voice. And, it is not necessary. There are other maps, like Map 13, which maintain the rights of the minority by giving them at least a chance to have a voice in Montana's Congressional delegation. Our democracy is founded on minority rights. Please preserve the minority voice.

CP12	Dislike		Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
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I oppose map 12, this plan splits a small rural county, weakening the voice of rural communities. County splits should respect communities of interest and large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.

This plan ensures that rural voices are weakened against urban voices. To more fairly represent Montanans, I support Map 11.

CP12	Dislike		Arica Crootof	acrootof@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
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CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 and support map 11. Map 12 favors one political party over the other.	Wendy Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
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CP12	Like	I oppose #12 and support #11. Honestly, putting Helena with eastern MT, is ridiculous, and is an obvious attempt to unfairly prevent the influence of democratic voters in MT. Shame on you! Half the population of MT needs to have a say in political decisions impacting them and the rest of the state!	Connie Geiger	connieinmt@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 which fails to meet the equitable and competitive criteria. Helena should be included in the western district.	Fran Penner-Ray	fpr555@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Like	<p>As stated on the Commission's website, "Each and every Montanan is entitled to an equal voice in the halls of the U.S. Congress and under the dome of the state Capitol in Helena. This is where that promise is kept." However, Proposal 12, does not keep that promise. In fact, it assures that Montana will continue to be dominated by Republican perspectives and lawmakers.</p> <p>I live in Clancy Montana, just south of Helena. Clancy, like Helena, suddenly finds itself in the Eastern District, although we are located in the western portion of the state and have more in common with other western communities.</p> <p>An examination of voting patterns over the last decade shows that the proposed split would favor Republicans, defying the Commission's objective of not unduly favoring a political party. On the other hand, Proposal 13 more fairly splits the districts and promotes competition between the parties.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment. I urge you to reconsider the Commission's preference for Proposal 12 and instead adopt Proposal 13, a much more impartial apportionment of the districts that would promote, rather than impede, competition and provide better options and fair elections for all Montanans.</p>	Mary Ann Wellbank Smietanka	maryannwellbank@aol.com	Clancy	MT
CP13	Like	I am supportive of Map 13. The other map basically goes against true democracy by diluted our growing populations. The argument of not wanting to become CA is flawed. (MT is so far from CA in so many ways, this is not real..) People coming here are, in fact, paying taxes. They are now Montanans whether people like it or not. We need to have everyone's vote count, even if we don't agree with one another.	Arden Hoffman	ardenmh@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP13	Dislike	Draw the map fairly. Don't be splitting a county like Gallatin just to tilt in favor of Republican representation.	Brooke Flynn	flynnquilt@gmail.com	Red Lodge	MT
CP13	Like	I am for Map 13.	Brooks McCartney	Brooks.m@live.com	Whitefish	MT

CP13	Dislike	Terrible idea. The process appears to be breaking down. This is by sliding into very substantial and visible gerrymandering. Three counties split! As an independent voter who lives in a split county (for State races) I want the map to conform to County boundaries. And I want Lewis and Clark to be in the new district because Republicans don't even care about representing independent voters.	Robyn Morrison	coevals_slather.05@icloud.com	Helena	Montana
CP13	Dislike	This map is gerrymandered. Lewis and Clark County should not be divided. I would prefer County's be honored with the exception of tribal lands. Listen to the Tribal leaders. I'm an independent voter but I don't belong with the Red half of the State.	Robyn Morrison	coevals_slather.05@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Like	I support this map as it is more competitive, and also includes Helena in the Western district where it historically was.	Jason Krumbeck	dptjason@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Like	I support this map because it creates one district that might be competitive. Having at least one district that's competitive is very important to keep people interested in voting. This is one of the most important goals of the commission.	Kristi DuBois	kdubois@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	I don't like this map because it splits counties like Gallatin and Lewis and Clark, that's ridiculous!	Susan R Orr	susieorr56@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Like	I support Map 13. It provides a balanced and fair representation of all Montana voters.	Francesca diStefano	francesca_24@hotmail.com	kalispell	MT
CP13	Like	I strongly support map 13. Gallatin Co and Park Co are increasingly interdependent on each other economically and socially. Park Co is a major bedroom community for Gallatin Co, and residents regularly travel between the two. It is fair to say that residents of Park Co go west to Gallatin Co far more than they go east for shopping, recreating, dining, airport access, etc. Furthermore, these two counties contain all of the Montana entrances to Yellowstone National Park, and it is vitally important to have consistent, uniform representation for our gateway communities and for the resources and tourism that Yellowstone provides and protects. Public lands, specifically our national parks, bring in billions of dollars of revenue for local economies every year, so I believe it would be most beneficial for the state to locate both Glacier and Yellowstone within the same district. Please advance CP 13 and thank you for your time and hard work delivering fair maps for Montana.	Kyle Meakins	kmeaks1@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP13	Like	Last night I submitted a vote in favor of CP13 but my comment indicated that I favored CP11. I do support CP11 but I meant to state that I strongly support CP13. Thanks again for the opportunity to comment!	James Melstad	jimamengineers@bresnan.net	HELENA, MT	MT
CP2	Dislike	Not only does this map seem very clearly designed to hand democrats a bone but sectioning off southwestern Montana and cutting western Montana in half seems counter-intuitive to me.	Ashton Blake	ashton.blake1@outlook.com	Great Falls	MT

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