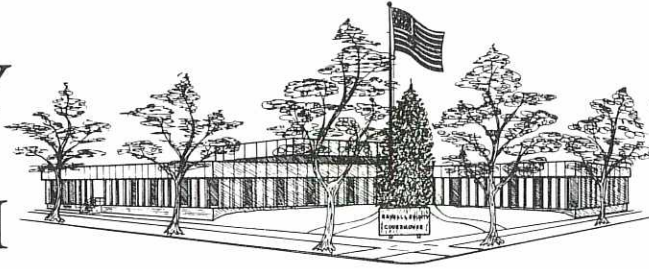


# COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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**To: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Dear Commissioners,


On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we held a public meeting to discuss the nine maps put forth by The Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission and sent you a letter. We determined at that time that Map CP1 most closely meets the constitutional requirements of population deviation and being compact & contiguous. We understand that you are now only considering two other maps, CP11 and CP12. As a county west of the Continental Divide, we deal with forest-related issues which different than the the eastern part of the state. Splitting a major partner of our forested counties like Kalispell out of the heart of Flathead County makes no sense to us and CP11 clearly appears to be drawn for a completely political purpose. While we still would like Map CP-1, of the two remaining CP12 appears to meet the criteria in the Constitution, State Law, and your own established goals better that CP11. It is our understanding that of the four past US House races, CP12 would have had 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans winning in the Western District. That certainly seems competitive to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed maps.

Ravalli County Commissioners

  
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Jeff Burrows, Chairman

  
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Dan Huls, Member

  
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Greg Chilcott, Member