

Weiss, Rachel

From: Bob Ebinger <buffalotjump@imt.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 9:44 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: RE: Senate district

Dear Chairman Regnier:

I am pleased again to address your committee on the redistricting process. I have been a resident of Livingston since 1994 and was its State Representative during the 2007 and 2009 Sessions. I feel strongly that the Senate District should represent the interest of its constituents. Although surrounded by rural Park County, Livingston is more aligned with Bozeman with many commuters living in Livingston and working in Bozeman. We witness daily interaction between these communities with Livingston shoppers going to Bozeman to find goods not available in Livingston. Whether good or bad Livingston is becoming more urban! I believe that the combination of House Districts 59 and 63 to form a new Senate District makes the most sense creating a compact district with mutual interests and concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. My best wishes and appreciation to your Committee for taking on this arduous and important task. Best regards, Bob Ebinger

Bob Ebinger

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From: Susanne Galbraith <sgalbrth@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:06 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Senate Districts Redistricting Hearing

Dear Commissioners;

This letter is in support of combining Miles City with Forsyth, Colstrip, and Huntley. This would give commonality to the Senate District as the aforementioned areas are basically rural in nature, whereas Lockwood is a more urban area. Further, Huntley has been incorporated with Forsyth and Colstrip in the present house district.

Additionally, Miles City is a business center for both Forsyth and Colstrip. By having these areas combined it would give a cohesive voice to an area that is currently interrelated with business interests.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Susanne Galbraith
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Montana State Senate



The Big Sky Country

Nov. 15, 2012

Please consider in the pairing process to keep like minded urban areas together.

Issues in these areas seem to overlap and make legislating changes more homogeneous.

Specifically in Billings, keeping the districts lateral or horizontal east to west will accomplish this consistency.

Thank you - Senator elect
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From: Stan Taylor <TaylorS@milescc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider pairing HD 40 with HD 38 & HD 39 (Forsyth, Colstrip and Huntley). This district would pair Miles City with rural towns more in sync with Miles City's interests. The present district runs from Lockwood to Moon Creek and Sen. Taylor Brown has argued that it makes it difficult to represent the urban interests of Lockwood with the more rural interests of Huntley, Hysham, Forsyth and Colstrip. Pairing HD 40 with HD 38 and HD 39 (Miles City, Forsyth, Colstrip and Huntley) would resolve Sen. Taylor Brown's dilemma.

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From: Jean Lemire Dahlman <lemire.jeanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 4:19 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Senate District Pairings

Dear Commissioners,

Unfortunately, we cannot attend the hearing in Helena this evening but would like to take this opportunity to let you know which house district pairings we support. We would like to see HD 38 and HD39 paired to form a new Senate District in southeastern Montana.

With the exception of Huntley, the citizens of Hysham, Forsyth, Colstrip and the rural folk in these areas all view Miles City as our trade and commercial hub. For the communities that border the Yellowstone River especially our interests are intertwined and we share cultural commonalities.

In addition, the formation of such a Senate District may offer more balance for a candidate from either party to have a fair chance of running and winning in such a district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: Julia Page <jpage@wispwest.net>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: senate pairings

Dear Chairman Regnier,

I support a senate pairing that would join the new Livingston in-town house district (new 59) with the slightly redrawn district on the east side of Bozeman (new 63) that runs up to the Gallatin-Park boundary. I feel that combo would better serve my interests which are tourism, wildlife and the various amenities that are enjoyed in the slightly larger communities of our state.

I live in Gardiner. We are a tourist town, primarily, very busy in the summer, less so in the winter and very quiet in between. I ran for the state senate two years ago and was handily beaten by a rancher from northern Park County. I only campaigned a little in the northern part of the county and a bit more in the town of Big Timber, but I didn't spend much time there simply because I didn't have much in common with the ranching community and didn't know many folks there.

I spent a lot of time in Livingston and have gotten to know that town fairly well. I believe a senate pairing linking Livingston and Bozeman is appropriate. Many people commute over the hill from Livingston to Bozeman. A few come the other way. Many of us, including people from Gardiner, drive to Bozeman to shop, go to the airport, the university, listen to music, or other things. We are linked in many ways, and we are much more tied to Bozeman than to anything east of us, unless you go all the way to Billings, the even bigger city.

I like Montana's rural areas and ranching tradition and I don't want to set up a total urban rural divide, but there are enough rural areas in the two districts that a senator from there would have to understand and serve rural people as well. More importantly, I would love to see tourism supported and the interests of Livingston, in particular, represented in the senate and I think a senate district pairing Livingston and Bozeman could do that.

Thanks for considering these comments.

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From: Laurie and Alan <redfields@wispwest.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 17, 2012 6:13 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Senate pairings with HD 59 and 44

Dear Commissioners

Sweetgrass and Park counties are tied to Livingston which is a hub of trade for the area and have common interest in Agriculture and Tourism, along the Yellowstone River. The inclusion of a portion of Bozeman in this district does not fit your criteria. My district would like to keep the our house district together with the Livingston district.

Sincerely

Alan Redfield
Representative HD 61
Livingston Mt

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From: Richard Cronk <tbarx@ttc-cmc.net>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 2:12 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Senate District

I would be in favor of combining the new Districts 33 & 34 into one Senate District. The residents who live in the North part of Blaine, Phillips and Valley Counties have more of a "Community of Interest" with those that live in Daniels and Sheridan Counties than we do with the residents of the City of Havre.

Respectfully,
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From: Kelly J Thibault <kthibault@midrivers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 7:08 PM
To: Redistricting
Cc: Virginia Thibault ; 'Deborah Hanson'
Subject: MT Senate Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

We were not able to attend the hearing in Helena on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012.

We strongly support pairing Miles City with Forsyth, Colstrip and Huntley (HD 38 & HD 39).

Miles City is a trade and commercial hub for Forsyth and Colstrip and much of the rural community along the Yellowstone River. Our interests are intertwined. And, Huntley, has been included with Forsyth and Colstrip in the present house districts.

We believe that this Senate District would also present a more balanced opportunity to each political party in an area where most of the districts are not competitive.

Sincerely,
Kelly & Virginia Thibault
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TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 201706 HELENA, MT 59620-1706
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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Jefferson County or Broadwater County, I would ask that you combine House District 74 (Broadwater County) and House District 75 (Jefferson County) into one Senate District.

Both Counties are similar in size, the basic industry is agriculture, and both share concerns about rapid growth. Broadwater County could lose its identity if combined with a District from Gallatin County, as could Jefferson County if combined with Butte/Silver Bow or Lewis and Clark Counties.

County Commissioners from both Broadwater and Jefferson Counties have endorsed the idea of combining these two House Districts into one Senate District. Please join them in making this happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name James Miller
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Name *[Signature]*

Address *P.O. Box 339* *1104 W 1st St*
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Name Carol Willard Harris
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Name Jerri Papalika

Address POB 199, Whitehall, MT

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Name Cheryl Ryan

Address 28 Ryan Lane Whitehall, MT. 59759

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From: Anne M. Boothe <amb@mtintouch.net>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 9:42 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Phillips County comment

TO: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

Dear Mr. Regneir and Commissioners,

Please accept our comments opposing the proposed redistricting plans for Phillips County, Montana. Placing the City of Malta with the southern area of Phillips County dilutes our ability to have adequate representation in state government. We would like to be on record favoring districts that run North/South instead of East/West.

We reside in Malta and our agriculture land holdings are north of US Highway 2 - leaving us with no direct representation under the proposed plan. Splitting Phillips County creates division in a community that has common goals and vision - at minimum, we urge placing the City of Malta in the northern district in which is currently sites.

Thank you.

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Weiss, Rachel

From: Duane Mitchell <duane.mitchell@mitchelloilfield.com>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 12:36 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Senate Pairing

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for serving and for keeping Richland County as one house district, very nice.

As a newly elected Richland county commissioner I would urge you to consider pairing Dawson , Wibaux and Richland counties, the new HD 35 & 36 into the same Senate seat.

Our communities share basically the same highway systems, we are all effected by the increase in the oil activity and increase infrastructure issues. It is also my understanding that the combined population of our counties is .6 percent below the target.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve.

Duane Mitchell,
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