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MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:28 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jerterw@hotmail.com [mailto:jerterw@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:19 PM

Representative:

Name: Jerald Terwilliger
Address: 307 Preble St
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone: 207-799-5491
Email: jerterw@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think the proposed Republican plan on redistricting should not be put into effect, it is too unfair and unjust.

More thought should be used to lessen the effect and massive changes.

Jerald Terwilliger

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:28 AM
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-----Original Message-----

From: davisson2@yahoo.com [mailto:davisson2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:22 PM

Representative:

Name: james davisson
Address: 60 indian point rd.
Address 2:
City: north haven
ZIP: 04853
Phone:
Email: davisson2@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I request that the state not be completely turned around to accommodate Republican whims. This is really beyond belief. I recommend that the committee accept the Democratic plan to move 4,000 people into the southern district rather than displacing 350,000 people in that ridiculous scheme. Please don't let Maine politics become even more of a joke.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:52 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jsfarlow@hughes.net [mailto:jsfarlow@hughes.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:22 PM

Representative:

Name: John S. Farlow III
Address: 1513 Finntown Road
Address 2:
City: Waldoboro
ZIP: 04572
Phone: 832-7816
Email: jsfarlow@hughes.net

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly favor the plan incorporating the fewest changes. Too much else of great importance is going on already (and we don't need our energies/attention diluted further)!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:52 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: vex@vexman.net [mailto:vex@vexman.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:39 PM

Representative:

Name: Dave Martucci
Address: 240 Calderwood Rd
Address 2:
City: Washington
ZIP: 04574-3440
Phone: 207 845-2857
Email: vex@vexman.net

Topic:

Comments:

Here in Knox County we have been a part of the 1st CD for many years and we don't see any reason that that needs changing. KISS--Keep It Simple Stupid.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:52 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Pbaker207@gmail.com [mailto:Pbaker207@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 7:33 AM

Representative:

Name: Phil Baker
Address: 20 Ridge Rd
Address 2:
City: Cape Elizabeth
ZIP: 04107
Phone:
Email: Pbaker207@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The redistricting plan being put forth by Republicans is partisan plan and clearly designed to try to give Republicans a political advantage in Maine elections. This may be a common practice across the US but that does not make it right. This is wrong and unfair to the people of Maine. The Republicans have done enough to damage our electoral systems in Maine. Please do not do this too.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:35 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: fw

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

From: andersen_mr@hotmail.com [mailto:andersen_mr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM

Representative:

Name: Morgan
Address: Andersen
Address 2:
City: Brunswick
ZIP: 04011
Phone:
Email: andersen_mr@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

It is outrageous that the Republicans are attempting to blatantly gerrymander Maine's two congressional districts and are ignoring current rules for redistricting.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
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To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: fw

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

From: durfodd@comcast.net [mailto:durfodd@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:34 AM

Representative:

Name: Charles Durfee
Address: 65 Delano Rd
Address 2:
City: Woolwich
ZIP: 04579
Phone:
Email: durfodd@comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

This should be a no-brainer. The Democratic plan is simple and causes the least amount of change needed to achieve equal representation. The Republican version shows once again (along with ending same day voter registration, etc) that they are intent on playing politics with Maine voters rather than working together on issues that we need to solve. Thank you.
C Durfee

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:34 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu [mailto:Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:31 PM
To: Condon, Carolyn
Subject: Email addressed to you through the House Democratic Office web site.

Representative:

Name: Ann Schonberger
Address: 40 Garland St.
Address 2:
City: Bangor
ZIP: 04401-5224
Phone: 207-942-4055
Email: Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

Having looked at all the maps of proposed changes, I think both the Republican plans make major changes that are not necessary, while the Democratic plan changes the district of one town--Vassalboro. This has got to be simpler and less expensive than changing a whole lot of territory and the work of the people involved in the election procedures. Please don't let the effort to put both our Congress people in the same district determine this redistricting.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:34 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu [mailto:Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:32 PM

Representative:

Name: Ann Schonberger
Address: 40 Garland St.
Address 2:
City: Bangor
ZIP: 04401-5224
Phone: 207-942-4055
Email: Ann.Schonberger@umit.maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

Having looked at all the maps of proposed changes, I think both the Republican plans make major changes that are not necessary, while the Democratic plan changes the district of one town--Vassalboro. This has got to be simpler and less expensive than changing a whole lot of territory and the work of the people involved in the election procedures. Please don't let the effort to put both our Congress people in the same district determine this redistricting.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:34 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: larry.icevi@gmail.com [mailto:larry.icevi@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:34 PM

Representative:

Name: Larry Campbell
Address: 1 Center Street
Address 2:
City: Rockland
ZIP: 04841
Phone:
Email: larry.icevi@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

When will you learn that people are disgusted with partisan politics as usual. The Republican plan which moves 25% of the states residents into a new district is partisan politics on steroids. Please be sensible and go with the plan that meets as closely as one could the criteria set in law which happens to be the one offer by the Democrats.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:33 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: betsyhen@earthlink.net [mailto:betsyhen@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:35 PM

Representative:

Name: Elizabeth R. Henry
Address: 8 Harmony Lane
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: betsyhen@earthlink.net

Topic:

Comments:

The Democrats' plan disrupts the fewest people and should be adopted.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:33 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jan.warren.me@gmail.com [mailto:jan.warren.me@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:36 PM

Representative:

Name: Jan Warren
Address: 57 Ragged Mtn Rd
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: jan.warren.me@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I do not understand the reasoning (beyond a possible political benefit for Republicans) that the State of Maine would spend the extra expense and work to move 139 communities to a different district when only one or two towns can be moved for the same balancing of population.

It is difficult to believe the Republican plan to move Chellie Pingree's town of North Haven to Michael Michaud's district isn't a blatant attempt to eliminate at least one Democrat from the House of Representatives.

This is politics as usual and has nothing to do with fairness or cost savings. It is disgusting and again lowers my opinion of our government, which isn't very high to begin with.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:32 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: guittern@yahoo.com [mailto:guittern@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:37 PM

Representative:

Name: Nick Apollonio
Address: 15 Blackberry lane
Address 2:
City: Rockport
ZIP: 04856
Phone: 207-594-0032
Email: guittern@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Under no circumstances should the radical republican redistricting plan be allowed to go fwd.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:32 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: fames@verizon.net [mailto:fames@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:39 PM

Representative:

Name: Fred
Address: Ames
Address 2:
City: Ft. Kent
ZIP: 04743
Phone: 834-2566
Email: fames@verizon.net

Topic:

Comments:

Do the right thing, not the political thing. Change districts for the fewest Maine residents. It only makes sense.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:32 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: barney@midcoast.com [mailto:barney@midcoast.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:43 PM

Representative:

Name: Angus Barney Hallowell
Address: 69 Ames Point Road
Address 2:
City: North Haven
ZIP: 04853
Phone: 207-867-2294
Email: barney@midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican-backed redistricting proposal defies the intent and spirit of equalizing Congressional districts by putting political advantage ahead of sensible and non-partisan reapportionment. It is an embarrassment to Maine and should be rejected. The Democrat-proposed plan to move Vassalboro to the 2nd Congressional District makes sense because it is a fair and sensible solution that qualifies as least disruptive and non-partisan. As a resident of North Haven, I would oppose a plan that blatantly disenfranchises us from our U. S. Congresswoman for the political gain of her opposition. Please reject the Republican plan and support a common sense, fair, non-partisan redistricting plan.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:32 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: smacarol@gmail.com [mailto:smacarol@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:45 PM

Representative:

Name: Carol Wheeler
Address: 103 E. 86 ST.
Address 2:
City: New York
ZIP: 10028
Phone: 917-254-4910
Email: smacarol@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do not follow the Republican plan for redistricting, which sounds more like gerrymandering to me and does sound like what Maine is like. A simple plan that moves as few people as possible would be so much more in keeping with our democracy. Thanks so much.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:48 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: mkelly@amcinc.com [mailto:mkelly@amcinc.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:30 AM

Representative:

Name: Michael Kelly
Address: 14 Walker St
Address 2:
City: Bath
ZIP: 04530
Phone:
Email: mkelly@amcinc.com

Topic:

Comments:

The purpose of re-districting, as far as the founders of the country were concerned, was to ensure that citizens were proportionally represented in Congress. It was never intended to be used as a means for political parties to manipulate the electoral process. The current situation is an opportunity to remember that and re-district as someone like Benjamin Franklin intended. If you create districts that are not gerrymandered but simply accurately apportioned based purely according to people-on-land rather than voter rolls, you would seize the high ground and have no trouble achieving rational redistricting.

Of course, neither you nor the Republicans would consider this because... well we know why you aren't going to do that don't we. The political leadership of the two parties have conspired to engineer a slow train-wreck that is destroying the United States. They want it that way so that they can have a fire-sale and buy up the country for pennies on the dollar. The general populace is clueless or trapped on the train watching it happen. My only consolation is knowing that, while it will take longer, it is probably going to turn out as badly or worse for them and theirs as it is for the rest of us.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:47 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: avmarr@comcast.net [mailto:avmarr@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:30 AM

Representative:

Name: Anne Marr
Address: 34 Cumberland Street
Address 2:
City: Brunswick
ZIP: 04011
Phone: 2077210490
Email: avmarr@comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

Why make things complicated? Simplicity is best and less costly.
Please use common sense and stop manipulating the citizens.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:45 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: pjane@journalist.com [mailto:pjane@journalist.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:24 AM

Representative:

Name: Patricia J. Washburn
Address: 401 Cumberland Ave. #404
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04101
Phone: 207-619-2143
Email: pjane@journalist.com

Topic:

Comments:

I believe the Democratic plan is fair and reasonable. Please keep us posted as to what we voters can do to get it passed.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:44 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: fw

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

From: barbara_clark@myfairpoint.net [mailto:barbara_clark@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:23 AM

Representative:

Name: Barbara Clark
Address: 17 Birch Meadow Rd
Address 2:
City: Brunswick
ZIP: 04011
Phone:
Email: barbara_clark@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

Please, we need a simple redistricting plan. The current one is non-partisan, decided by the Court in 2003 - that is very recent. So, the clear choice now is to make as few changes as necessary to accomodate the new census figures!

Sincerely

Barbara Clark

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:44 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: pc26@myfairpoint.net [mailto:pc26@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:23 AM

Representative:

Name: peg cruikshank
Address: 68 crowley island rd
Address 2:
City: corea
ZIP: 04624
Phone:
Email: pc26@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

The GOP plan is clumsily transparent.
DEM plan simpler, fairer

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:23 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: braimondi@traftonandmatzen.com [mailto:braimondi@traftonandmatzen.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:14 AM

Representative:

Name: Barbara Raimondi
Address: 54 Evergreen Rd
Address 2:
City: Auburn
ZIP: 04210
Phone:
Email: braimondi@traftonandmatzen.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

It is actions such as these, that appear to be purely motivated by partisan politics, that give voters such a distaste for politics and politicians. Nothing other than political strategy justifies such a sweeping reallocation of voters. As a voter, I vote for simple, and I wish that you all would stop wasting time, money and energy on political games. Our state and our country have more serious issues that need attention. If this passes as is, it will most likely end up in court- yet another waste of resources. Don't we have more serious issues, like jobs, foreclosures and the collapse of the housing market to spend time on?

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:54 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: dcprojansky@gmail.com [mailto:dcprojansky@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 6:38 PM

Representative:

Name: David Projansky
Address: 2 Brentwood Ave.
Address 2:
City: Lewiston
ZIP: 04240
Phone:
Email: dcprojansky@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

It is my understanding that the Republican plan will move 1 in 4 citizens or 360,000 people into a different Congressional district. Their plan accenuates the divide in the state, focusing on urban vs rural. That's not what Maine is about and what Maine stands for.

The Democratic plan will move a mere 4,000 people (+or-) from one CD to the other, and affects only one town, Vassalboro.

As usual Republicans are playing partisan politics to further their own interests and not the interests on the citizens of the state.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:53 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bealsisland@yahoo.com [mailto:bealsisland@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:47 AM

Representative:

Name: Lowell Beal
Address: 257 Ridge Road
Address 2:
City: Cherryfield
ZIP: 04622
Phone:
Email: bealsisland@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican plan is far too radical a change. If it goes through, it will look like what it is, a change just to help a Republican win in the 2nd District. The present division has been in place for decades. Switching one town or several smaller towns, the Democratic plan, may be keeping the status quo or something like that, but the Republican plan seems too blatantly political.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:00 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: elriv@aol.com [mailto:elriv@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:00 PM

Representative:

Name: E. Rivers
Address: 121 Longwoods Rd
Address 2:
City: Cumberland Ctr.
ZIP: 04021
Phone:
Email: elriv@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican plan is far too radical, it moves over 10,000 people to different districts and it has only the self-serving interests of the Republican party, not that of Maine voters. This is reminiscent of the recent voter registration bill that is so controversial. Where is the voice of the moderate Republicans?

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:57 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: mitzijoy23@gmail.com [mailto:mitzijoy23@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:56 AM

Representative:

Name: Mitzi Lichtman
Address: 95 Peacedale Dt.
Address 2:
City: Northport
ZIP: 04849
Phone:
Email: mitzijoy23@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I don't understand how the Republican proposal can pass a straight face test by the committee.

It totally rearranges the configuration of the current districts and makes no sense.

I trust the committee will keep. This in mind.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: vmellac1@maine.rr.com [mailto:vmellac1@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:50 AM

Representative:

Name: virginia mellace
Address: 17 scotland point rd
Address 2:
City: york
ZIP: 03909
Phone:
Email: vmellac1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Democratic plan.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: amoo662003@yahoo.com [mailto:amoo662003@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:48 AM

Representative:

Name: Amanda Ovington
Address: 79 Bennett Avenue
Address 2:
City: Auburn
ZIP: 04210
Phone:
Email: amoo662003@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think disrupting as few people as possible seems the best option. To COMPLETELY change the map (as the Republican plan does) stinks of politics to me... Making sure to have a better chance of election in these races by creating two, more "Republican-friendly" districts... Simply moving one community from one district to the other seems the most logical, simple move.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: cejesq@me.com [mailto:cejesq@me.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:44 AM

Representative:

Name: Cris Johnson
Address: 8 Walden Avenue
Address 2:
City: Old Orchard Beach
ZIP: 04064
Phone:
Email: cejesq@me.com

Topic:

Comments:

While population numbers are critical in terms of federal requirements, the stability of geographic district lines are equally important to Mainers like me and should be observed as closely as possible to achieve the population balance imposed by federal election law.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: mekousa2@gmail.com [mailto:mekousa2@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:44 AM

Representative:

Name: Kevin Olson
Address: 3 Coot Lane
Address 2:
City: Topsham
ZIP: 04086
Phone:
Email: mekousa2@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please stand strong for the Vassalboro plan. I have looked over the plans and it is so obvious that the Republican plan is just politics as usual - an obscene attempt to try to turn what should be a fair process to their advantage. My town is one that would be moved with the Republican plan. Let's see, move one town with 4000 people or move 300,000 people? Hmm. This one is a no brainer. Please do the right thing.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:48 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: elenamars@gmail.com [mailto:elenamars@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:32 AM

Representative:

Name: Deann Marsh
Address: P.O. B0x 462
Address 2:
City: Gorham
ZIP: 04038
Phone:
Email: elenamars@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do NOT accept the redistricting plan, as it would promote an imbalanced representation. The simpler plan (affecting one town) makes more sense! Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:31 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: salim3796@yahoo.com [mailto:salim3796@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 11:26 PM

Representative:

Name: Brenda Bailey
Address: p.o. box 656
Address 2:
City: Eastsound
ZIP: 98245
Phone:
Email: salim3796@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I have been reading a lot online lately about the Republicans' reprehensible ploy to redistrict Chellie Pingree's voters so that the Republican will have the advantage and so it will be difficult or impossible to vote for her. She will lose her voter base. This is unfair. But even more, this plot is blatant corruption and it ought to be illegal, if it's not already!

I am ashamed to call myself an American these days. Fixed elections seem to be the norm. Either bought with corporate lobby money, or bulldozed with things like redistricting. Please do not redistrict in a blatantly radical, unnecessary, and obviously biased way! I hope the people of Maine and in all the U.S. are watching, and will not let the Republicans get away with rigging another crooked election via money or redistricting.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bailey
Independent

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:05 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: eppicha@yahoo.com [mailto:eppicha@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:51 PM

Representative:

Name: Alyssa Eppich
Address: 80 BrickHill Ave Apt. 308
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone: 207-232-4684
Email: eppicha@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a registered voter here in South Portland, I have absolutely no idea why the Republican party feels it necessary to mess with perfectly fair voting districts. It is clear to me that this is simply a maneuver to pile up votes they think they have missed. I also see it as a way to quiet our Democratic representative, Chellie Pingree. Leave the current districting alone. It is fair and well done.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:04 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Brigitte.a.Reid@gmail.com [mailto:Brigitte.a.Reid@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:46 PM

Representative:

Name: Brigitte Reid
Address: POBox 354
Address 2:
City: Alfred
ZIP: 04002
Phone:
Email: Brigitte.a.Reid@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly in support of the Democratic plan for redistricting. Because the Republican plan affects such a huge number of voters, it is clearly an attempt at gerrymandering, aimed at dividing the state into a two parties based on political affiliation rather than population. For the Republicans to argue that their plan is more equitable because it has a discrepancy of only one voter (as opposed to three) is an attempt to distract from the fact that they're working to displace 300,000 voters state wide. The only reasonable plan presented is the Democratic one, and I strongly urge you to accept it.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Reid

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:03 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: keri_katt@hotmail.com [mailto:keri_katt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:29 PM

Representative:

Name: Carrie Ledger
Address: 353 Stevens Ave
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04103
Phone:
Email: keri_katt@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

In my opinion the Democrat's redistricting plan will disrupt fewer districts and so I would like to go on the record as being in favor of the Democrat's proposed redistricting plan.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:02 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: fw

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

From: dilyth@myfairpoint.net [mailto:dilyth@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:19 PM

Representative:

Name: Diane Thompson
Address: 134 Main Street
Address 2:
City: Farmington
ZIP: 04938
Phone:
Email: dilyth@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

It does not seem right to move more people than absolutely necessary for redistricting for the sole purpose of political gain. The Democrats plan is much less intrusive to the state's present structure. The purpose of the rules for redistricting were not set up to shift the partisan sway, but to keep the two districts population - not partisan - numbers more equal. It is not fair, or right, to manipulate the voting structures of the state for a purely manipulation basis. Forcing the time frame for this change to be altered was enough manipulation. The people of this state are getting sick and tired of all these voting alterations based on partisan bias. Either direction.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:01 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rcalden1@roadrunner.com [mailto:rcalden1@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:08 PM

Representative:

Name: Richard Calden
Address: 35 Pearl St Apt 2
Address 2:
City: Augusta
ZIP: 04330
Phone:
Email: rcalden1@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

I don't feel there is any need for redistricting. This is just another way for the Republican party to be in control and turn our beautiful state into a business. People come to Maine for the scenery not to see a bunch of businesses. Stop catering to big business and neglecting the common taxpayer.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:01 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: elizabekelle@aol.com [mailto:elizabekelle@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Elizabeth Kellett
Address: 26 Windsong Way
Address 2:
City: Walpole
ZIP: 04573
Phone:
Email: elizabekelle@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please DO NOT change the districts - they are fair and even as is and we don't need to spend money changing this.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:44 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: salgrassi@roadrunner.com [mailto:salgrassi@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:43 PM

Representative:

Name: sally grassi
Address: 363 Belfast Road
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: salgrassi@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

We have been independents who joined the Democratic party in order to vote for Barack Obama. We are very much against the re-districting proposed by the Republicans and think it is a shoddy effort to unfairly outst either Pingree or Michaud. We hope that you agree. Thank you. sally grassi

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:42 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: Rayatswat@gmail.com [mailto:Rayatswat@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:54 PM

Representative:

Name: Raymond Hopkins
Address: 16 Cranberry
Address 2:
City: Booth Bay Harbor
ZIP: 04538
Phone:
Email: Rayatswat@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Keep changes in districts to a minimum. It is the fairest way to protect democracy, I.e. Links of voters to elected officials. Otherwise you are culpable of fostering anti-democratic agendas and supporting the muddy colored tea party view of life. Shame on you if such partisanship flourishes....RFH

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:39 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: lwinter@maine.rr.com [mailto:lwinter@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:58 PM

Representative:

Name: Lois Winter
Address: 50 Alden Circle
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04102
Phone: 207=871-8029
Email: lwinter@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do not radically change Maine's congressional districts, move 25% of Maine's voters into a new Congressional district and gerrymander Congresswoman Chellie Pingree and Congressman Mike Michaud into the same Congressional district in a way that will blatantly and unfairly favor Republican candidates in future Maine elections. Instead, develop a Redistricting plan that is simple and moves as few people as possible. Republicans are attempting to use their political power to push forward a biased and politically motivated Redistricting plan -- That is a blatant attempt to favor their candidates, and it represents another clear and disheartening disregard of democratic principles.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:38 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW

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

From: bfooster_us@yahoo.com [mailto:bfooster_us@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:14 PM

Representative:

Name: Robert C. Foster
Address: 102 Simmons Road
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone:
Email: bfooster_us@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible and keeps geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.

This is simply one more bald-faced ploy by the Republican party--along with the legislature's recent destruction of the same-day voter registration law, and other "dirty tricks"--to try to disenfranchise the Democratic party's constituency (working people, unions, students, environmentalists, etc.), and grab power illegitimately!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:38 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: gkgraf@hotmail.com [mailto:gkgraf@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:37 AM

Representative:

Name: Gretel Graf
Address: 8 Benoit Ave
Address 2:
City: Old Orchard Beach
ZIP: 04064
Phone: 207 7673344
Email: gkgraf@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee,
please adhere to the laws of redistricting that is being debated at this time. It is
unfair and unethical to ramrod this through the House and Senate.
Sincerely, Gretel Graf

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:37 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: stlcrzy@midcoast.com [mailto:stlcrzy@midcoast.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:17 PM

Representative:

Name: Christie Hallowell
Address: 69 Ames Point Road
Address 2:
City: North Haven
ZIP: 04853
Phone: 207 867-2294
Email: stlcrzy@midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would like to register my dismay at the proposed Republican plan. To me it imposes unnecessary disruption on many Maine voters when the Democratic plan (or something similar) accomplishes the same goal in terms of evening up the population size of districts with much less chaos. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:36 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: batley@roadrunner.com [mailto:batley@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:39 PM

Representative:

Name: Diane Batley
Address: 126 Killeran Lane
Address 2:
City: Cushing
ZIP: 04563
Phone:
Email: batley@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing to request the redistricting committee vote against the Republican Party plan as it is too disruptive, moving too many people and doesn't keep people with similar interests together.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:36 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: pala@maine.rr.com [mailto:pala@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:49 PM

Representative:

Name: Herbert Hoffman
Address: 42 Juniper Lane
Address 2:
City: Ogunquit
ZIP: 03907
Phone: 646-5431
Email: pala@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

The plan being put forward by the Republican Legislators not only does havoc to state statute by proposing redistricting by simple majority vote, it is also an economically unsound proposal, i.e., it will cost additional money for both municipalities and state government to reprint stationary for example. The Vassalboro plan is economical and will produce the bare minimum of economic and political disruption. Do the right thing and approve the Vassalboro plan.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:34 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW

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

From: jaknutson1140@myfairpoint.net [mailto:jaknutson1140@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 10:01 PM

Representative:

Name: John A. Knutson
Address: 691 Bay Road
Address 2:
City: Brooklin
ZIP: 04616
Phone: 207-359-5056
Email: jaknutson1140@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

The Democratic plan more closely fits the criteria that the Supreme Court established to evaluate redistricting plans. The Republican plan is a blatant effort to use the process to achieve very narrow political goals and completely ignores the sensible treatment of the thousands of citizens they are striving to manipulate. Please reject that extreme plan and support the more sensible Democratic plan

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:31 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: dirkfaegre@netscape.net [mailto:dirkfaegre@netscape.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 10:54 PM

Representative:

Name: Dirk Faegre
Address: 43 Azalea Lane
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: dirkfaegre@netscape.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am surprised that you haven't come to realize that Americans, and Mainers in particular, are getting a bit sick and tired of politics of the "them and us" kind. We want government to work, for the people. It's not about which party can "win" at all costs. Get down off your elephant or donkey and think about what makes the most sense. Quit trying to figure out who you can "keep" and you can get thrown out by gerrymandering. Mainers have more sense than that. Get on it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:51 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: twhite@nespin.riss.net [mailto:twhite@nespin.riss.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 9:22 AM

Representative:

Name: Thomas White II
Address: 220 Chesterville Road
Address 2:
City: Jay
ZIP: 04239
Phone:
Email: twhite@nespin.riss.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am very concerned with the redistricting proposal "to divide" Franklin County. We live and work in a very unique, rugged and economically oppressed area in the western mountains of Maine. Our population, of just under 30K people, has nothing in common with those in the First District. To slice off a portion of our population and divide our common needs makes no sense what so ever.

I know that that our local delegation recognizes how detrimental that plan would be.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:51 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: megirls@midcoast.com [mailto:megirls@midcoast.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 9:52 AM

Representative:

Name: Mary Orear
Address: 11 Forest Glen Drive
Address 2:
City: Rockport
ZIP: 04856
Phone: 207 236-4532
Email: megirls@midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican Redistricting Plan is obviously so highly partisan that it is indefensible. Go with the simple plan put forth by the Democrats.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:50 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: haveguns1@yahoo.com [mailto:haveguns1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 9:59 AM

Representative:

Name: Lee Costa
Address: 155 Starbird Corner Road
Address 2:
City: Bowdoin
ZIP: 04287
Phone:
Email: haveguns1@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

This whole thing is sham. Don't do it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:50 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: momperson458@roadrunner.com [mailto:momperson458@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 10:06 AM

Representative:

Name: Pam Nugent
Address: 284 Front St.
Address 2:
City: Richmond
ZIP: 04357
Phone:
Email: momperson458@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

Obama seems to have forgotten how to deal with bullies in Congress. I hope the ME Democratic Party is still able to use the word "no" with effectiveness and stand for what is right. The Republican plan for redistricting is so transparently a political maneuver that even a child could see through it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:49 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rkdriscoll@metrocast.net [mailto:rkdriscoll@metrocast.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:32 AM

Representative:

Name: Rachel Driscoll
Address: 540 Mann Road
Address 2:
City: Shapleigh
ZIP: 04076
Phone:
Email: rkdriscoll@metrocast.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am deeply concerned by the apparently politically motivated plan that would move thousands of registered voters into a different district and bump Congresswoman Pingree into Congressman Michaud's district. I have always been proud of how my state seemed to be (mostly) above tactics like these.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:49 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bigbaf@comcast.net [mailto:bigbaf@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:32 AM

Representative:

Name: Roger A Baffer
Address: 721 Middle Road
Address 2:
City: Woolwich
ZIP: 04579
Phone: 207-442-7052
Email: bigbaf@comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

I appreciate the need to redistrict in order to adjust for population changes but please do it in the least disruptive way. I voted for Chellie Pingree and I would hate to end up disenfranchised by a State commission.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:49 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: helen.hnsn@gmail.com [mailto:helen.hnsn@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:42 AM

Representative:

Name: Helen Hanson
Address: P.O. Box 300
Address 2:
City: South China
ZIP: 04358
Phone: 2074419487
Email: helen.hnsn@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Redistricting should be fair to Maine people and where the people live, not be gerrymandered to suit either party. Instead of splitting the state on a north-south line, consider creating western and eastern Maine districts, putting Bangor, Waterville, Augusta, Bath, Brunswick and points east in the eastern; and Portland, Lewiston, Skowhegan and points west in the other. Or, is that too simple? The people of Maine need to come first before either party. And, I'm a proud Democrat!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:48 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: dszorach@zwi.net [mailto:dszorach@zwi.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:49 AM

Representative:

Name: Deborah Zorach
Address: 316 Maine St
Address 2:
City: Brunswick
ZIP: 04011
Phone:
Email: dszorach@zwi.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am in favor of the Democratic map. My question is this: Won't it cost a lot more if the Republican plan wins out?????

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:48 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: lwdallyn@maine.rr.com [mailto:lwdallyn@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 12:39 PM

Representative:

Name: Lisa
Address: Wilson
Address 2:
City: Yarmouth
ZIP: 04096
Phone:
Email: lwdallyn@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican plan is convoluted nonsense and you know it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:48 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: cindypeterscpeters@yahoo.com [mailto:cindypeterscpeters@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 12:44 PM

Representative:

Name: Cynthia Peters
Address: 95 Fair Street
Address 2:
City: Lewiston
ZIP: 04240
Phone: 786-2526
Email: cindypeterscpeters@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support more of a revised districting but with leaving L/A in District 2. I thought the plan generated by the Democrats originally (Vassalboro change only) was very reasonable. I would not like to see L/A amalgamted into the greater Portland area. Also if it is a thinly veiled attempt to lower the voter base for Michael Michaud in favor of more Republican voters I am really against it. We all know that the population figures change on a daily basis with births, deaths, movings etc. As along as the ball park figure is satisfied I am in favor of it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:47 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: sarahpos@hotmail.com [mailto:sarahpos@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 1:06 PM

Representative:

Name: Sarah P. Fuller
Address: 287 Case Road
Address 2:
City: Winthrop
ZIP: 04364
Phone: 207-446-6362
Email: sarahpos@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Committee Members:

I urge you to adopt the plan put forth that will move the community of Vassalboro only to even our Congressional Districts. It is a wise course of action to adjust the lines in the least disruptive and cost-effective way possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah P. Fuller

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:45 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: craig.zurhorst@gmail.com [mailto:craig.zurhorst@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 2:37 PM

Representative:

Name: Craig Zurhorst
Address: 757 Hancock Street
Address 2:
City: Rumford
ZIP: 04276
Phone: 207-364-3918 / 207-357-9102
Email: craig.zurhorst@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Living in Oxford County and working in Androscoggin County, spending significant time professionally and personally in Franklin County, I cannot fathom why it would be in the State's best interest to redistrict according to the GOP proposal, or anything remotely like it.

The three-county area has much more in common with the current second congressional district than the first. I fully support the Democratic redistricting plan or a plan that would be very similar.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:45 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: fsheehan_@yahoo.com [mailto:fsheehan_@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 2:44 PM

Representative:

Name: faith sheehan
Address: 95 beckett st
Address 2:
City: portland
ZIP: 04101
Phone: 2078711635
Email: fsheehan_@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

When does this stop??? All these manipulations and underhanded attempts to get political control in the end even further disenfranchises voters. I am disgusted by this partisanship at the expense of the people. I expect you to do your job or get out!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:08 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: wpilla@gmail.com [mailto:wpilla@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:34 PM

Representative:

Name: Winifred Pilla
Address: 18 Spring Meadow Lane
Address 2:
City: Wells
ZIP: 04090
Phone:
Email: wpilla@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I have never seen such a bunch of deceitful, manipulative politicians as the Republicans in power at this time! That is saying something, as I've been around a long time.

The Maine redistricting process as it now stands is fair and sensible and the only reason anyone would want to change it is for their own self-interest.

If you don't like the hand you're dealt, get out of the game - please!!!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:58 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bubarja@rh.cmhc.org [mailto:bubarja@rh.cmhc.org]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:00 AM

Representative:

Name: Jane Bubar
Address: 41 Holt Hill Rd.
Address 2:
City: Dixfield
ZIP: 04224
Phone: 369-1143 (work)
Email: bubarja@rh.cmhc.org

Topic:

Comments:

I find the Republican redistricting plan problematic. I believe Oxford County belongs in the 2nd District with the other more rural counties to the north. We have much more in common with them than with the communities in Southern Maine and along the coast. Rumford shares more with Millinocket, a mill town, than with Kennebunk, a tourist mecca. Our lakes and mountains are closer akin to Moosehead and the 100 mile wilderness than Camden Harbor and the Camden Hills.

Having been raised in Oxford County and having lived all over Maine, from Woodland in Aroostook County to So. Berwick, from Thomaston to Dixfield, and in between in Winterport and Waterville, I feel secure in saying that my county belongs in the 2nd District.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:57 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: beth@lincoln.midcoast.com [mailto:beth@lincoln.midcoast.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:16 AM

Representative:

Name: Elizabeth McPherson
Address: 17 Church St
Address 2:
City: Damariscotta
ZIP: 04543
Phone:
Email: beth@lincoln.midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

I've been reading about the proposed redistricting plan that would change the Congressional district of (and confuse) many tens of thousands of Maine people. This makes no sense. As always, keep it simple! Geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, should be kept together in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.
Thank you for your attention!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: dunejune49@yahoo.com [mailto:dunejune49@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:18 AM

Representative:

Name: george hunt
Address: 29 purinton ave
Address 2:
City: augusta
ZIP: 04330
Phone:
Email: dunejune49@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

WHAT HAS CHANGED? THE PARTY OF RICHARD NIXON AND DONALD SEGRETTI, THE MORAL ETHICAL, GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE PARTY, WILL STILL DO ANYTHING ON EARTH TO WIN. A SLIGHT CHANGE MAY BE NECESSARY DUE TO NEW POPULATION DATA. BUT THIS IS MAJOR SURGERY WHEN A MINOR CORRECTION WOULD DO, EXCEPT A MINOR CORRECTION WOULD NOT GUARANTEE THEIR VICTORY. IT ISN'T CHANGE THE SYSTEM SO REPUBLICANS CAN WIN. IT IS CHANGE THE MAP TO REFLECT THE SMALL, THAT IS SMALL, CHANGE IN POPULATION DISTRIBUTION.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:55 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW

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

From: jwoodworking.mark@gmail.com [mailto:jwoodworking.mark@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:53 AM

Representative:

Name: Mark S. Jacobs
Address: 133 Back Road
Address 2:
City: Shapleigh
ZIP: 04076
Phone:
Email: jwoodworking.mark@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

There is no need to change the districts in the manner that the Republican plan proposes.
Changing one town simplifies and maintains the balance.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:54 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rpflanag@colby.edu [mailto:rpflanag@colby.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:28 AM

Representative:

Name: Richard Flanagan
Address: 179 Covell Road
Address 2:
City: Fairfield
ZIP: 04937
Phone: 453-2686
Email: rpflanag@colby.edu

Topic:

Comments:

In re-districting, the cardinal rule ought to be: minimal is best. Anything beyond minimal to get the proper balance is unnecessary tinkering and always understood to be political in the worst sense, i.e., party dominated. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:46 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: thomasrota@hotmail.com [mailto:thomasrota@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:39 AM

Representative:

Name: Thomas Rota
Address: 62 Dawson St
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone: (207) 831-9529
Email: thomasrota@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible and keeps geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.

Enough is enough. Keep Maine voting fair. We are watching very closely.

Please remember your commitment to the people you work for and rise above party politics to do what is right.

Tom Rota

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rprogel@juno.com [mailto:rprogel@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:59 PM

Representative:

Name: Rev. Richard Gelwick
Address: 12 Prosser Rd.
Address 2:
City: Harpswell
ZIP: 04079
Phone:
Email: rprogel@juno.com

Topic:

Comments:

The proposed Republican redistricting plan is blatantly political, not interested in promoting fair elections. We need a plan that balances the districts but does not disrupt the present voter to elected official relations. I favor a fair simple change such as the proposed moving Vassalboro into the 2nd district. Leave the districts as they are now with as little disruption as possible.

Putting Pngree and Michaud in the same district is outrageous!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:39 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: meostherr@gmail.com [mailto:meostherr@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:06 PM

Representative:

Name: MaryEllen Ostherr
Address: 310 Hosmer Pond Road
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: meostherr@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Don't change the districts!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:21 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: hewittjj@gmail.com [mailto:hewittjj@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:06 PM

Representative:

Name: jean
Address: hewitt
Address 2:
City: Tenants Harbor
ZIP: 04860
Phone: 207.372.8114
Email: hewittjj@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am upset that efforts are underway to change the rules on how districts shall be drawn. This seems to me a transparent effort to cheat and not abide by existing guidelines. It would be wrong in a sports game, wrong in your household, even wrong for your pets to change the rules on a whim just because you're afraid to loose....and it's certainly wrong prior to an election!

Please pay attention to existing procedures and play fairly.
[Cheating is just plain wrong]

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:21 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: beagle_luver04005@yahoo.com [mailto:beagle_luver04005@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:11 PM

Representative:

Name: Christopher Foss
Address: 78 South St
Address 2:
City: Biddeford
ZIP: 04005
Phone:
Email: beagle_luver04005@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think you (Republicans) are doing a very wrong thing

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:20 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email addressed to you

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

From: sfleming@roadrunner.com [mailto:sfleming@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:16 PM

Representative:

Name: Martha Sue Fleming
Address: 70 Barnestown Rd
Address 2:
City: camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone: 207 230-0823
Email: sfleming@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please keep the changes for redistricting simple and move as few people as possible around. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:17 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rthackerayjr@yahoo.com [mailto:rthackerayjr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:19 PM

Representative:

Name: Richard Thackeray
Address: 84 Talbot Ave
Address 2:
City: Rockland
ZIP: 04841
Phone: 2072338697
Email: rthackerayjr@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the China-Vassalboro plan, which would maintain the present north-south split between the two districts with minor revisions to Kennebec County. I oppose the Republican Plan, which would gerrymander the district maps in a way that undercuts the Democratic spirit of our state.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:15 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kecobey@gmail.com [mailto:kecobey@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:12 AM

Representative:

Name: Katharine Cobey
Address: P.O. box 31
Address 2:
City: Cushing
ZIP: 04563
Phone: 207 354 6762
Email: kecobey@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am very angry at the republican plan for redistricting, and the possibility that they will ram it thru by claiming a simple majority. They are just trying to make trouble for Chellie Pingree and the democrats. This is the sort of gerrymandering that gives politics such a bad reputation and I hope that the Democratic Redistricting commission realizes that they have wide spread citizen support against the Republican agenda.

I am in favor of the Vassalboro plan, which is much less disruptive.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:11 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: edesgilbert@yahoo.com [mailto:edesgilbert@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:23 PM

Representative:

Name: Edes Gilbert
Address: 109 Weeks Road
Address 2:
City: Owls Head
ZIP: 04854
Phone:
Email: edesgilbert@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please keep any redistricting as simple as possible. That means, let us NOT move people and industries around into different districts for no good reason except politics. Our state and our country are about the citizens and their communities. This principle is the bedrock of our country and our national culture. Please do not mess with it in Maine.....or anywhere.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:11 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: lmosston@maine.rr.com [mailto:lmosston@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:25 PM

Representative:

Name: Leora Mosston
Address: 43 Froswick Ave
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone: 207-772-2487
Email: lmosston@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Keep Redistricting simple and consistent with moving the electoral options of Maine voters as simply and minimally as possible. Urge you to avoid allowing partisan politics to permit the destruction of the democratic rights of Maine voters. No anticipatory gerrymandering.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:10 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: sallybreen@roadrunner.com [mailto:sallybreen@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:25 PM

Representative:

Name: Sally Breen
Address: 48 Lantern Lane
Address 2:
City: Windham
ZIP: 04062
Phone: 207-892-8391
Email: sallybreen@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible and keeps geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:10 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: chatch@maine.rr.com [mailto:chatch@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:28 PM

Representative:

Name: Charles Hatch
Address: 54 Woodside Meadow Rd.
Address 2:
City: York
ZIP: 03909
Phone:
Email: chatch@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

There is no reason for the Republicans' radical reapportionment plan, than a blatant gerrymandering power grab. Please select and approve a redistricting plan that disrupts as few Mainers as possible from their current district. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:28 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kob22225@mac.com [mailto:kob22225@mac.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:26 PM
To: Condon, Carolyn
Subject: Email addressed to you through the House Democratic Office web site.

Representative:

Name: Kenneth O'Brien
Address: 1 Springbrook Lane
Address 2:
City: Gorham
ZIP: 04038
Phone:
Email: kob22225@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

Change the district boundary as little as possible to fulfill whatever the requirement is to redistrict.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:27 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: michele_green@mac.com [mailto:michele_green@mac.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:31 PM

Representative:

Name: Michele Green
Address: PO Box 133
Address 2:
City: Westfield
ZIP: 04787-0133
Phone:
Email: michele_green@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

While I share Congressman Michaud's belief that the Republican Map has been presented tongue-in-cheek I fear we may both be giving them more credit for intelligent planning that is their due.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:27 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: renigram@gmail.com [mailto:renigram@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:51 PM

Representative:

Name: Lin Downing
Address: 106 Goff St . Apt. #7
Address 2:
City: Auburn
ZIP: 04210
Phone:
Email: renigram@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

PLEASE, IF YOU MUST DO ANY REDISTRICTING, DO IT IN THE FAIREST WAY POSSIBLE. MOVE AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:26 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: wandawebber@comcast.net [mailto:wandawebber@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:55 PM

Representative:

Name: Wanda Webber Snyder
Address: 1 Colonial Drive
Address 2:
City: Brunswick
ZIP: 04011
Phone:
Email: wandawebber@comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

I'm sorry that a previous appointment prevents me from coming to the hearing on Tuesday. But I do want to go on record for requesting minimal disruption to voters and voting districts. The reported Republic plan, which moves a third of the state's voters into a different district is not only inefficient and confusing, it also smacks of base partisan politics, an attempt to gerrymander into a district which favors their party.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:26 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: yfilmp@yahoo.com [mailto:yfilmp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:58 PM

Representative:

Name: Katherine Ranney
Address: 51 Pearl St
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: yfilmp@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please keep redistricting simple and honest without making major changes underpinned by political motivation to manipulate outcomes of elections in favor of Republicans or Democrats. Trust is a factor in people feeling good about their representatives not pushing personal or political agenda. Good Luck and trust whatever happens we'll still be all right.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:26 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: piano@rocketmail.com [mailto:piano@rocketmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:01 PM

Representative:

Name: Donna Green
Address: 465 Highland Avenue
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone:
Email: piano@rocketmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible and keeps geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:25 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kaprice@directv.net [mailto:kaprice@directv.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:02 PM

Representative:

Name: Kent Price
Address: 604 Castine Road
Address 2:
City: Orland
ZIP: 04472
Phone:
Email: kaprice@directv.net

Topic:

Comments:

A proposal that would change the congressional district for some 360,000 persons fails the straight-face test. It's so blatantly designed to favor Republicans over Democrats that it should be voted down immediately so that more serious plans might be discussed.

Redistricting matters. In 2004 I lost a campaign for State Representative because the district I was to represent had been unwisely split between two counties. Of the 6 towns in the district, 4 were in Waldo County and 2 in Hancock County. I live in the "wrong" county, unfortunately. Please do not approve any plan that places large numbers of people in a district that is different--that is to say, wrong--in their perspective. It ain't broke, so don't fix it.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:25 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: symmetryinwood@hotmail.com [mailto:symmetryinwood@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Gordon Merrick
Address: 596 Mountain Rd.
Address 2:
City: Arundel
ZIP: 04046-8327
Phone:
Email: symmetryinwood@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Leave well enough alone. What a waste of resources when there are no resources to be found.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:24 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bmacdoug@maine.rr.com [mailto:bmacdoug@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Barbara MacDougall
Address: 86 Ashley Lane
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04103
Phone:
Email: bmacdoug@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican Redistricting Plan is an outrage. It means my Representative will then be in the Second District. This is totally unacceptable. The Democratic Plan is much sounder and I urge you to consider this plan over the Republican one. Thanks for all you do.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:24 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Elliedunham@hotmail.com [mailto:Elliedunham@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:09 PM

Representative:

Name: Eleanor Dunham
Address: 9 Bentley Place
Address 2:
City: Kennebunk,
ZIP: 04043
Phone:
Email: Elliedunham@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think the Rep. party all over this country has gone nuts. Everything they do has a political component and they are doing nothing to improve peoples lives. They are making it hard for the elderly to vote by changing same day registration. If they think its a good idea to redistrict Chelly pingre out of her district they had better be careful when they run for re-election the people will not forget what has been done to them. Thank you for listening, Eleanor Dunham

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:24 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jbmack47@gmail.com [mailto:jbmack47@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:09 PM

Representative:

Name: John McCall
Address: 14 Karynel Drive
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone:
Email: jbmack47@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The two proposals for redistricting show a clear attempt by the Republican members to disenfranchise both the voters of Maine and the current Representatives by needlessly re-aligning significant portions of both Congressional Districts. "First do no harm..." The Democratic proposal, with the least necessary shuffling, is much more reasonable and responsible. Add my name to the long list of voters who are fed-up with political game-playing. Sit down, talk to each other, listen to reason regardless of whose idea it was, fix the problems and govern!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:23 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: richardevansiii@gmail.com [mailto:richardevansiii@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:17 PM

Representative:

Name: richard evans
Address: 184 bay rd
Address 2:
City: bowdoinham
ZIP: 04008
Phone: 207 666 3927
Email: richardevansiii@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Just remember... what goes around comes around.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:23 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Beaniebabylover@gmail.com [mailto:Beaniebabylover@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Condon, Carolyn
Subject: Email addressed to you through the House Democratic Office web site.

Representative:

Name: Julia Hathaway
Address: 25 Greystone MHP
Address 2:
City: Veazie
ZIP: 04401
Phone:
Email: Beaniebabylover@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Such a drastic change is not warranted. And it would so increase the level of rancor and suspicion between the two major parties in our state. Please do not take this risk.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:31 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: susanlerner17@gmail.com [mailto:susanlerner17@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:48 PM

Representative:

Name: Susan Lerner
Address: 17 spruce Wind Drive
Address 2:
City: bar Harbor
ZIP: 04609
Phone:
Email: susanlerner17@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do not vote to change the character of our voting districts. We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible and keeps geographically based industries, such as shipbuilding and papermaking, in the same district with their interests represented by one lawmaker.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:31 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: robboudewijn@gmail.com [mailto:robboudewijn@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:55 PM

Representative:

Name: rob boudewijn
Address: 97 rackleff st
Address 2:
City: portland
ZIP: 04103
Phone:
Email: robboudewijn@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm opposed to any redistricting and if there is to be any, it should be based on bonafide data, relevant to the populace. thanks. rob j boudewijn

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:30 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: robboudewijn@gmail.com [mailto:robboudewijn@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:55 PM

Representative:

Name: rob boudewijn
Address: 97 rackleff st
Address 2:
City: portland
ZIP: 04103
Phone:
Email: robboudewijn@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm opposed to any redistricting and if there is to be any, it should be based on bonafide data, relevant to the populace. thanks. rob j boudewijn

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:30 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: sddolan@gmail.com [mailto:sddolan@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:55 PM

Representative:

Name: stephen dolan
Address: pob17
Address 2:
City: bowdoinham
ZIP: 04008
Phone: 2076668239
Email: sddolan@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

i do not believe in the republican plan for redistricting. Instead the democratic plan is better for Maine by far!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: sydr@me.com [mailto:sydr@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 1:57 PM

Representative:

Name: Sydney Roberts Rockefeller
Address: 15 Blue Bell Lane
Address 2:
City: Seal Harbor
ZIP: 04675-0145
Phone: 207 276 5650
Email: sydr@me.com

Topic:

Comments:

The simplest redistricting should be used! I am appalled by what Republicans are trying to push over on us.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: ewalton@midcoast.com [mailto:ewalton@midcoast.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:00 PM

Representative:

Name: Eliza Walton
Address: 48 Glidden St
Address 2:
City: Newcastle
ZIP: 04553
Phone: 207-563-5846
Email: ewalton@midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please make sure, during any redistricting efforts, that we move as few people as humanly possible out of their current voting areas. Maine's industries that are geographically based need to be represented by the same lawmaker in the same district. I urge the Maine legislature to stick to the simplest plan possible, and one that is not politically calculated to favor one party.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: deirdre.boylan@umit.maine.edu [mailto:deirdre.boylan@umit.maine.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:02 PM

Representative:

Name: Deirdre
Address: Boylan
Address 2:
City: Belgrade
ZIP: 04917
Phone: 207-495-2485
Email: deirdre.boylan@umit.maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

It is important to come up with a SIMPLE plan that continues to allow Congressional Reps to address the needs the businesses and industries in each of their geographic areas.

The Democratic plan is consistent with historical precedent, displaces the fewest number of voters and maintains the principle of compactness and contiguity.

I support the plan presented by the Democrats in the legislature, please choose this more rational and less political redistricting strategy.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: sheehan@midcoast.com [mailto:sheehan@midcoast.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:18 PM

Representative:

Name: Frederick Sheehan
Address: P.O. Box 88
Address 2:
City: Tenants Harbor
ZIP: 04860
Phone: 207 372-8833
Email: sheehan@midcoast.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Democrats and Republicans made a laudable success of the budgeting process earlier this year. The Republicans, if they force their redistricting plan for Congressional districts, will be going against the will of many constituents like me who want a minimal change in district lines.

Such an effort will convince me that it is necessary for the Democrats to become equally political in their activities, and obstructive of Republican actions. This is not the way to go forward.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:47 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bog@jonbogdanove.com [mailto:bog@jonbogdanove.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:06 PM

Representative:

Name: Jon Bogdanove
Address: #37 Martin Point Road
Address 2:
City: Friendship
ZIP: 04547-4318
Phone:
Email: bog@jonbogdanove.com

Topic:

Comments:

Gerrymandering for partisan gain is crooked politics. Stop this Tammany Hall crap.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:47 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: melvinw@roadrunner.com [mailto:melvinw@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:20 PM

Representative:

Name: Melvin Weiner
Address: 44 Maple Avenue
Address 2:
City: Kennebunk
ZIP: 04043
Phone: 207 985-3816
Email: melvinw@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need a simple redistricting plan that changes the Congressional district of as few people as possible.

The Republican plan could move nearly one in four voters to a different congressional district. Democrats must continue to pursue a plan that is simple and moves as few people as possible. The Republican plan smacks of favoring their candidates - and just plain isn't moral.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:47 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW

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

From: suzanne6@tidewater.net [mailto:suzanne6@tidewater.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:26 PM

Representative:

Name: Suzanne Hedrick
Address: 68 Belvedere Rd
Address 2:
City: Nobleboro
ZIP: 04555
Phone:
Email: suzanne6@tidewater.net

Topic:

Comments:

I urge the Democratic redistricting plan to be upheld as the only fair plan. Although Mike Michaud does not represent my district, I believe that the republican plan is an overt effort to remove him. This is the national republican strategy, a threat to our very democracy.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bob324@chebeague.net [mailto:bob324@chebeague.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:26 PM

Representative:

Name: Robert Earnest
Address: 12 Rose Point Road
Address 2:
City: Chebeague Island
ZIP: 04017
Phone: 2078460924
Email: bob324@chebeague.net

Topic:

Comments:

Please keep the redistricting as simple and straightforward as possible. The lines should not move much if at all. Current members should not be redistricted out of their district. And the major employment centers (including BIW, for example) should not change districts.

Thank you,

Robert Earnest

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: patrckashane@gmail.com [mailto:patrckashane@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:29 PM

Representative:

Name: Patrick A Shane
Address: 461 Round the Island Rd.
Address 2:
City: Vinalhaven
ZIP: 04863
Phone: 207-975-4027
Email: patrckashane@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Come on who are you trying to kid this is totally politics as usual.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:45 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: onthroks@megalink.net [mailto:onthroks@megalink.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:37 PM

Representative:

Name: Nancy Willard
Address: 72 Alpine Shores
Address 2:
City: Bryant Pond
ZIP: 04219
Phone:
Email: onthroks@megalink.net

Topic:

Comments:

The worst plan I can imagine is the Republican one that moves Oxford County to the 1st District. It stinks!!

Please be realistic. It is more important to move fewer people than to have an absolute balance. After all, a few people will move and change the balance anyway.

The Democratic plan is the best!!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:45 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bcorbeil@maine.rr.com [mailto:bcorbeil@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:43 PM

Representative:

Name: Barbara Corbeil
Address: 91 Western Ave #2
Address 2:
City: Biddeford,
ZIP: 04005
Phone:
Email: bcorbeil@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

To the Redistricting Commission,

I am very appalled at what is happening in our state. I've lived here all my life and taking the Maine labor banner down was the beginning of what I call get back at the Democrats. My mother picketed at the Pepperell Manufacturing company and that mural represented the people of Maine what they went through to get good wages here in this state. Now they want to change the districts to their advantage so as to get more votes not more people because the young are leaving Maine.

Instead of redistricting bring back the railway that helps create more jobs. We need jobs here not all this bs that is going on in Washington and our state houses. I really think we need innovation here in Maine like when they built the first sewing machine, machine gun, microwave oven & earmuffs just to mention a few. Yeah we have innovation but it still isn't enough.

Wheres the brainstorming on new innovation for Maines lands not corporations that use up the land for big buildings that get empty after a few years. We have Walmarts, Mardens, Target and plenty other stores so huge they can't fill every register with an available body and people need jobs. Maine isn't big enough for these large companies that sell junk. We lost our good businesses when we made the things ourselves to last for years not days.

Sorry I couldn't attend the hearing, but I'm one of the unemployed and also a Maine Care recipient battling cancer and may lose that if the governor has his way and continues to change things. I just hope I don't lose the assistance for heating this winter. I've already been cut from hours on my job from the National Able Network for the elderly but the one thing that can't be cut is my faith and God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Barbara Corbeil

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:44 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: tgrassi@roadrunner.com [mailto:tgrassi@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:43 PM

Representative:

Name: Anthony P. Grassi
Address: 363 Belfast Rd
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone: 207-236-4663
Email: tgrassi@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

Don't let the redistricting be the political football that the Republicans have made it. Why not take the minimal change solution? I have heard no good arguments in favor of the other plan, hence the smallest change possible is the best one. I have been an independent for years and registered Democratic 3 years ago so as to support Obama in the primaries.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:21 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: peterwohlmaine@gmail.co [mailto:peterwohlmaine@gmail.co]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:22 PM

Representative:

Name: Peter Wohl
Address: 20 Page St.
Address 2:
City: Hallowell
ZIP: 04347
Phone:
Email: peterwohlmaine@gmail.co

Topic:

Comments:

A redistricting plan that is purely motivated by partisan politics is being put forth by the Republican party. As an independent voter, I am outraged at this attempt to stack the deck and create predetermined outcomes. I feel that would disenfranchise me and all of the Maine voters who may not favor Republicans at all times. I hope that this proposal will be relegated to oblivion, where it belongs.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:21 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: bhopkins1@hotmail.com [mailto:bhopkins1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:22 PM

Representative:

Name: K. Bridget Hopkins
Address: 219 Indian Pt. Rd.
Address 2:
City: North Haven
ZIP: 04853
Phone: 207-867-4854
Email: bhopkins1@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Vassalboro Plan. I have looked at the ideas put forth to you and I feel the Vassalboro Plan is less disruptive. Life is complicated enough, lets keep things simple!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jdescherer@hotmail.com [mailto:jdescherer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:17 PM

Representative:

Name: Joshua DeScherer
Address: 7 McKeen St Apt 2
Address 2:
City: BRUNSWICK
ZIP: 04011
Phone:
Email: jdescherer@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The redistricting plan proposed by Republicans is unsupportable by any logic other than its creation solely for the political gain of the Republican Party.

There is absolutely no reason that redistricting should involve changing the legislative districts of over 25% of a state's population. I expect that the redistricting commission will see through the Republican Party's transparent attempt at gerrymandering and reject their plan outright.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: ltauss@tidewater.net [mailto:ltauss@tidewater.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:10 PM

Representative:

Name: Lynn Tauss
Address: P.O. Box 153
Address 2:
City: Lincolnville
ZIP: 04849
Phone:
Email: ltauss@tidewater.net

Topic:

Comments:

Knox County has already been through this ploy once before, in 2003, and won in court, its right to remain in the 1st District. It's business association with the cities southwest of it far outweighs that of those north, west and east of it. Changing districts would also further tax transportation costs to see constituents and participate with their new district. This, in energy cost makes no sense. It does not reflect our need to streamline and economize in our legislative infrastructure at all. In the name of the "bi-partisan compromise" there is no "middle of the road" compromise here. For the sake of a 10 voter difference between districts, the Democratic plan is clearly the "hands down" winner when all qualifiers are considered. The Republican plan requires a huge restructuring of boundaries, displacement of people, AND (when their motives become clear, which takes a nano second) their plan is simply a calculated plan to shift the voting weight to their benefit for the next election.

This would better position Kevin Raye of Perry to improve his odds in running against Mike Michaud. And more frankly said: why are the Republicans using us (Maine's voters) as they'd use pawns in a chess game or as soldiers in a game of Risk. We are people, people who vote for them to do a job for the "people" while they're in Augusta. They are not there to instill all possible advantages for self-perpetuation.

Please do the right thing and call for the democratic plan to be the one put forth to the Legislature for a vote, and please include these remarks in the Public Record for this Hearing.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: gary.mcgrane@umit.maine.edu [mailto:gary.mcgrane@umit.maine.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:09 PM

Representative:

Name: Gary McGrane
Address: 310 East Dixfield Road
Address 2:
City: Jay
ZIP: 04239
Phone: 645-3382
Email: gary.mcgrane@umit.maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

It seems unfair to shift thousands of voters from one district to another when it would be simpler and easier to move a smaller group from one district to another that may have a greater similarity of interests. The community I live in JAY have more in common with other smaller communities in the 2nd District than the first. We are more rural, have a greater similarity to other paper mill towns and appreciate the small town atmosphere. We have more in common with rural Maine than with urban Maine and wish to maintain that American experience and be represented by politicians who presently best represent our interests because they come from rural Maine. It seems strange to me that redistricting is not more about where populations have shifted than about shifting political boundaries. Our population hasn't grown or shrunk in the last 20 years but we are being considered to be apart of the population shift. In my mind redistricting should be more about the prevailing principal than about the prevailing political climate. May I suggest that in your deliberations consider less about disrupting party losses or gains and put people first.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: signs@whitmangraphics.com [mailto:signs@whitmangraphics.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Norma A. Whitman
Address: 71 Kelley Rd.
Address 2:
City: Monroe
ZIP: 04951
Phone:
Email: signs@whitmangraphics.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Commission,

Please do not allow this process to dissolve into the partisan mess much of the rest of the country has been subjected to. Please make the most moderate change to accommodate the change in population.

Maine has been a fairly civil place politically, and it would be a shame to change that with radical redistricting a la Texas. I was a director on my local school board for many years. Though of varying outlooks we managed to get along very well with respect for each other. For God's sake let's continue this sane Maine tradition.

Very Sincerely,
Norma Whitman

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
nt: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:23 AM
to: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: reneecote@myfairpoint.net [mailto:reneecote@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Renee Cote
Address: 54 Dawes Ave.
Address 2:
City: Auburn
ZIP: 04210
Phone:
Email: reneecote@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

I do NOT support the redistricting plan that would take Lewiston-Auburn out of District 2. I see no reason to radically change Maine's voting map. Please approve the more moderate redistricting plan.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:23 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: slourie@maine.rr.com [mailto:slourie@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:02 PM

Representative:

Name: Joan Lourie
Address: 21 e. Grand Ave.
Address 2:
City: Scarborough
ZIP: 04074
Phone:
Email: slourie@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I favor the plan that moves Vassalboro into a different district than it is now in. This plan is consistent with law, meets the requirements of the court and disrupts as few voters as possible.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:23 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: mkc236@gmail.com [mailto:mkc236@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 5:58 PM

Representative:

Name: Margaret Carleton
Address: 205 Mystic Ave
Address 2:
City: Rockport
ZIP: 04856
Phone:
Email: mkc236@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Maine native who was proud of her state and the values for which it stood. We elected representatives (of both parties -- as well as independents) who stood out among their peers for their strong, capable leadership. The current political situation no longer supports such admiration. And as an example of this: the Republican Plan for redistricting is an embarrassment! Moving large districts around for no clear and apparent reason seems unnecessary and disruptive. Voters in the districts are not requesting such changes. Do we vote on this? Are we just pawns in political maneuvering?

The least change is the best change!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:24 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: martyweaver149@gmail.com [mailto:martyweaver149@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 5:55 PM

Representative:

Name: Martha S Weaver
Address: 149 Charles Street
Address 2:
City: Belfast
ZIP: 04915
Phone: 207 338-4280
Email: martyweaver149@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Today I read in the Bangor Daily News about a plan, promoted in an MIT study, that would seek to make districts more heterogeneous, rather than less. The intention is to make Congress more effective by forcing our representatives to listen to both sides of issues and find compromises in order to please the voters of their districts. This would certainly improve our currently totally dysfunctional and polarized Congress!

Since the two plans currently submitted are so far apart, go for "the square" and make those districts as full of different opinions as possible. Then the parties will actually have to listen to the people, rather than completely ignoring them as they pursue their ideological agendas.

That includes those of you on the committee...

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:24 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: susanc_adolf@yahoo.com [mailto:susanc_adolf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 5:55 PM

Representative:

Name: Susan Adolf
Address: 48 Alexander Dr
Address 2:
City: Gorham
ZIP: 04038
Phone: 2074151398
Email: susanc_adolf@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do not follow the Republican plan for redistricting. Although I understand that no one is "moving" when we talk about redistricting-it seems convoluted to redistrict in such a way that so many people are having their district changed. It does not need to happen. Please do not try to gain a Republican majority in some areas by dividing the state in such a poorly thought out way

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:05 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: meridithhicks@yahoo.com [mailto:meridithhicks@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:37 PM

Representative:

Name: Meridith Hicks
Address: 1444 Middle Rd
Address 2:
City: Woolwich
ZIP: 04579
Phone:
Email: meridithhicks@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

In my opinion this is a waste of time and money. It would be nice to see something worth while come from Augusta. Republican, (I used to be) but it is so full of BS these days..no ..no..no !!!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:44 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: rmoody@knoxcountymaine.gov [mailto:rmoody@knoxcountymaine.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:32 PM

Representative:

Name: Roger
Address: 251 Washington Street
Address 2:
City: Camden
ZIP: 04843
Phone:
Email: rmoody@knoxcountymaine.gov

Topic:

Comments:

I'm a Knox County Commissioner, and would like to register my personal opinion that Knox County should remain in U.S. Congressional District 1 because of the folloing interconnections with the rest of the District.

Economic Development: The midcoast (Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Knox Counties plus the northerly end of Cumberland County and the southerly edge of Waldo County) is a newly realigned, State-recognized economic development district. We share common industries from lobstering/fishing, tourism, manufacturing, and financial services with the existing District 1 area. And Knox County's retail connections run to the west.

Transportation: Route 1 links Knox County to existing District 1, along with transportation connections from Portland to points south and west.

Health Services: All hospitals in the midcoast Counties are now part of the MaineHealth system, including PenBay Healthcare based in Rockport.

Cutural Connections: The midcoast area shares a common history, and community groups of many types stretch from Knox to Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

Sincerely,

Roger Moody,
Knox County Commissioner, District #3

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:45 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: stockily@Maine.rr.com [mailto:stockily@Maine.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:36 PM

Representative:

Name: Doris Stockly
Address: 31 Casco Terrace
Address 2:
City: Falmouth
ZIP: 04105
Phone:
Email: stockily@Maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

We feel any redistricting should change the district for as few people as possible & keep industries such as parermaking & shipbuilding In the same district with one lawmaker representing their interests.
Maine interests will be more effectively represented in Congress by this action

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:26 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: scolby@fairpoint.net [mailto:scolby@fairpoint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:48 PM

Representative:

Name: Sewell Colby
Address: 6 Colby Lane
Address 2:
City: Liberty
ZIP: 04949
Phone: 2075894603
Email: scolby@fairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

What ever happened to 'common sense'. It seems our political system has been reduced to one squabble after another in recent years. The idea of 'working for the people', has taken a back seat to 'working for the party'. As far as I am concerned everyone should put the party in the back seat once elected and drive the vehicle of state as a team.

It makes the most sense to simply move the least amount of people to accomplish the balancing of the congressional districts. Therefore to move Vassalboro from district one to district two, seems to be one of the better ways to accomplish this.

MacDonald, Ryan

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To: MacDonald, Ryan
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Representative:

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MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:26 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: dtwiss@whitebirchfarm.net [mailto:dtwiss@whitebirchfarm.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:59 PM

Representative:

Name: William
Address: Twiss
Address 2:
City: Litchfield
ZIP: 04350
Phone:
Email: dtwiss@whitebirchfarm.net

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican plan is a perfect example of everything that the Republican Party claims to be against-a drastic plan to solve a simple problem of balancing districts. If the alternative plan can accomplish the same end by moving 3000 people, then WHY WOULD THE REPUBLICANS FEEL THE NEED TO MOVE 300,000? Of course, we know that it really isn't about the numbers, but about controlling how the votes work out, especially for the 2012 election. By the way, the US Constitution, which sets the policy for reapportionment proscribes that reapportionment MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THREE YEARS after the most recent census. Last time I looked, that meant BY THE END OF 2013-which is EXACTLY what Maine's constitution dictated. Yet a lawsuit filed by two REPUBLICAN ACTIVISTS results in a decision by a US District Court (wonder who appointed those judges) declaring Maine's law unconstitutional (even though it upholds the letter AND THE SPIRIT of the law as stated in the US Constitution).

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:27 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: anitacatherinestewart@gmail.com [mailto:anitacatherinestewart@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:05 PM

Representative:

Name: Anita Stewart
Address: 23 O'Brion St
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04101
Phone: 207 772-5369
Email: anitacatherinestewart@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Redistricting Committee:

Please take the needs of the citizens of Maine into consideration by keeping the redistricting plan straightforward. As an independent voter, I want to see as few people shifted while keeping geographically based industries in the same district, so that one lawmaker can effectively represent their concerns.

As I watch Maine become more partisan, I am disinclined to vote for any party I believe is trying to manipulate the system to their advantage. Thank you for your consideration.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:27 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: cranisles@aol.com [mailto:cranisles@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:13 PM

Representative:

Name: Sara Bloom
Address: 215 High Street #304
Address 2:
City: South Portland
ZIP: 04106
Phone:
Email: cranisles@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Vassalboro plan complies best with SPIRIT of the Maine Supreme Court (2003) and the Apportionment Commission (1993) in that it will keep the districts contiguous and compact, moving the fewest number of communities, while correcting the population inequality that now exists. I urge you to serve the best interest of the citizens of Maine by adopting this remedy.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:01 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: mish@mishmorgenstern.com [mailto:mish@mishmorgenstern.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 2:57 PM

Representative:

Name: Mish Morgenstern
Address: 215 Talbot Ave
Address 2:
City: Rockland
ZIP: 04841
Phone:
Email: mish@mishmorgenstern.com

Topic:

Comments:

Wow, it's incredible to think that one town can make the difference. Has anyone asked Vassalboro?

Mish

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:09 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: william.leavenworth@gmail.com [mailto:william.leavenworth@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:30 PM

Representative:

Name: William Burgess Leavenworth
Address: 198 Pond Road South, PO box 69
Address 2:
City: Searsmont
ZIP: 04973-3812
Phone: 6033121139
Email: william.leavenworth@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

My ancestors were fishing, farming and preaching the Gospel in New England before the ancestors of most of these parvenu neo-Republican carpetbaggers could speak a word of English. I think it's time to destroy this gaggle of fools and recover the real Republican Party, one that doesn't think the fate of the nation is a football game. Colonial America north of the Chesapeake was comprised of semi-socialist towns, each comprised of households that were virtual communes. Greed was here all along, but greed and technology have steadily undermined our cultural heritage since the coming of the industrial revolution.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:44 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kxrider235@gmail.com [mailto: kxrider235@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 3:33 PM

Representative:

Name: James Grant
Address: 603 Northern Ave
Address 2:
City: Farmingdale
ZIP: 04344
Phone:
Email: kxrider235@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican plan appears to evenly divide the State as fairly by population as possible.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:15 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jtwomey@biddefordmaine.org [mailto:jtwomey@biddefordmaine.org]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:04 PM

Representative:

Name: Mayor Joanne Twomey
Address: 246 Elm Street
Address 2:
City: Biddeford
ZIP: 04005
Phone: 283-3178
Email: jtwomey@biddefordmaine.org

Topic:

Comments:

As Mayor of the city of Biddeford I would urge the Redistricting Commission to implement the Vassalboro Plan. We do not need to loose our representative, Chellie Pingree. The people I represent love her and feel she is one of the few voices in Washington that is truly listening to them. As a member of the Legislature for eight years I was a target for redistricting and I still do not like the way they redistricted my district, we should not have a Senator who lives in Saco representing a portion of Biddeford.

I know how the redistricting can be used politically, and I do not believe it should be used to make one party stronger then the other.

I represent twenty two thousand people in Biddeford, granted they did not all vote for me but the majority has for the last nineteen years. I am proud of Biddeford people and again I urge the Commission to implement the Vassalboro Plan.

Heartfelt Appreciation for all you do, but please do the right thing.

Sincerely, Mayor Joanne Twomey
Biddeford, Maine

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:14 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: swight@wightent.com [mailto:swight@wightent.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:58 PM

Representative:

Name: Steve Wight
Address: 6 Red House Drive
Address 2:
City: Newry
ZIP: 04261
Phone: 207-890-8356
Email: swight@wightent.com

Topic:

Comments:

Steve Wight
6 Red House Drive
Newry, Maine 04261

August 21, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns to the Legislative Committee deliberating the US Legislative District Boundaries of the State of Maine pursuant to the 2010 US Census. Thank you for accepting my testimony in writing as I am unable to be in Augusta on Tuesday, August 23.

I realize that the two Maine legislative districts must have essentially equal populations by federal law and that adjustments must be made in light of the new census. However, as a 40 year resident of Newry in Western Maine and a past or present member of the Newry board of selectmen, the Newry planning board, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, the Mahoohuc Land Trust, and the western Maine Economic Development Council in addition to several other state, regional, and local community civic organizations I feel that it is essential that the "balancing" that your committee is charged with concern itself with more than just a "head count".

It is well known that the communities, customs, and cultures of Maine people vary with the geography of this state of 20+ million acres (one-half of the land mass of New England). Since we are allotted only two legislative districts I believe that it is incumbent upon the committee to look toward keeping communities of similar cultures and needs in the same district.

One of the "pieces in play" in the balancing process appears (at least at the outset of the discussion) to be Oxford County, or maybe even Oxford, Franklin, and Androscoggin together. I ask you to look carefully at the lifestyles of the people of Oxford County as compared to York and Cumberland Counties. In doing so, you will find that Oxford County is composed primarily of rural communities and unorganized townships, very similar to the counties to the north and east through mid-Maine and along the Canadian border. York and Cumberland, on the other hand, consist primarily of larger towns, small to medium cities, and suburban areas. In Oxford County most workers are employed locally or in nearby larger towns, while in York and Cumberland workers are oriented toward the cities along the coast, even including Boston and New York.

Maine is a part of the Northern Forest stretching from upstate New York through Vermont

and New Hampshire to the northern parts of our state. Although much of this vast contiguous forest is in Maine, little of it is south of Oxford County.

In order for Oxford County citizens to work collaboratively with other Maine citizens with similar backgrounds, needs, and concerns, we all need to share the same US Congressman who is free to work on issues like the Northern Border Commission and other concerns of the rural parts of the state without dividing his time to deal with equally compelling issues of urban Maine.

I ask you to please allow Oxford County to continue to exist as a part of Legislative District 2 for the sake of efficiency and a common understanding with our fellow citizens of the more rural parts of our state.

Thank you for all that you do for the State of Maine and its wonderfully diverse people.

Sincerely,

Steve Wight
Newry
Oxford County
Maine

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:15 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: zaphod1@peoplepc.com [mailto:zaphod1@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:07 PM

Representative:

Name: mark ancker
Address: 1669 industry rd
Address 2:
City: industry
ZIP: 04938
Phone:
Email: zaphod1@peoplepc.com

Topic:

Comments:

the redistricting plan as proposed by republicans is a blatant ploy to eliminate one of our duly elected representatives. this should not stand!!

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:16 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jrumery@roadrunner.com [mailto:jrumery@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:15 PM

Representative:

Name: Sandra Rumery
Address: 35 Back River Landing
Address 2:
City: Boothbay
ZIP: 04537
Phone: 207 633 2350
Email: jrumery@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

live in Lincon Cty where we will redistricted to District #2 from #1. Has any from GOP talked with the Republicans from this area. I have talked with several who did not know this was happening from their own party so much of the party of the informed thats what the Jim Carltons of this area make statements about. I guess the GOP want to be left out in the cold for the next 50 years as if they go on with this plan the Dems will be back in control.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:09 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject:

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

From: smurray2@maine.rr.com [mailto:smurray2@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:53 PM

Representative:

Name: Scott Murray
Address: 25 Devon St
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04102
Phone: 207-871-9794
Email: smurray2@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello, My name is Scott Murray and I would like to make a few comments about the redistricting plans currently being contemplated. I have looked at the plans and maps and I have a serious doubts about the Republican plan. I feel that this Republican plan is being put forth to unfairly target any Democrat candidate in their proposed 2nd district, without regard to the choice of the people who have voted in these districts for many years. The Republican plan would radically redistrict the State of Maine. It has been close to 50 years since the State of Maine has seen redistricting as radical as this plan, and that happened back then because the State of Maine lost a third congressional district. There is no situation like that happening at this time. There is no reason to radically carve up Maine as reflected in the Republican plan.

According to the editorial in the Morning Sentinel,.. "The Republican plan achieves equity (with only one more person in the 2nd District than the 1st, according to the 2010 census) but it also radically redistricts the state in a way that would give the GOP a political advantage."

Also,.. "The Republicans would put Androscoggin County into the 1st District, adding its solid Democratic votes into the already Democratic district. They would be replaced in the 2nd District with Republican votes from Kennebec, Lincoln and Knox counties."

Also,.. "The real target appears to be 2nd District Rep. Mike Michaud, who would lose a Democratic stronghold in Lewiston and Auburn and would be forced to campaign in coastal areas in which he is not well known."

The Republican plan would displace over 350,000 people or roughly 25% of the people of Maine from one district to another. Over 7 counties would be effected, with 139 municipalities being moved from one district to another. There is no justification for this many people to be effected like this.

The Democrats proposed a simple plan to move the town of Vassalboro, a total of 4,340 people, from the first to the second congressional district. This plan is consistent with law, meets the requirements of the court and disrupts as few voters as possible, particularly important since Maine is redistricting on a very short timeline this year.

This would be the only plan that I could support, until I see something better. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Scott Murray

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:07 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: Andy.England@maine.edu [mailto:Andy.England@maine.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:53 PM

Representative:

Name: Andrew England
Address: 152 West Broadway
Address 2:
City: Bangor
ZIP: 04401
Phone: 207-942-7793
Email: Andy.England@maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

I vote for the simple Democratic plan.

The Republican plan is a waste of time and money. The districts should move as few communities into different districts as is practicably possible. (This was cited as a main objective of the Maine Supreme Court in 2003 and a criterion adopted by the 1993 Apportionment Commission)

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:07 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: gmol@roadrunner.com [mailto:gmol@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:43 PM

Representative:

Name: George Molinski Jr
Address: 68 Ackley Rd.
Address 2:
City: Cutler
ZIP: 04626
Phone:
Email: gmol@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

Something needs to be done to eliminate this senseless waste of time called gerrymandering. I can't make it anymore clear than that. Each district by total population should get an even number of Democrat & Republican representatives based on that population and not by demographics.

This system totally fails if we ever get more than 2 parties at once.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:06 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: cloef1@maine.rr.com [mailto:cloef1@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:39 PM

Representative:

Name: Chris
Address: Loef
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04103
Phone:
Email: cloef1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

The redistricting plan should be kept as close as possible to the current one. Any effort to drastically change it in an attempt to gain a political advantage, such as the one drawn up by the Republican committee is dishonest and unwarranted. I strongly oppose this and find their attempt to be very wrong.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:21 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jon.andrew.emerson@gmail.com [mailto:jon.andrew.emerson@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:56 PM

Representative:

Name: Jon Emerson
Address: 517 South Shore Road
Address 2:
City: North Haven
ZIP: 04853
Phone:
Email: jon.andrew.emerson@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Redistricting Committee:

I am in favor redistricting as a way of assuring "one person, one vote"; indeed, ours laws (and now the court) require it. I am NOT in favor of either party using the process to fragrantly favor themselves, ultimately at the expense of the voters. The radical plan brought forward by the Republican Party only benefits the Republican Party and displaces nearly 1/4 of the Maine's population, including myself.

We need a simple plan which displaces as few people and communities as possible. I am confident the courts will not look kindly upon blatant gerrymandering, at the expense of the people of Maine.

Additionally, I don't approve of the Republican plan to adjust the voting requirements on this issue from a 2/3 majority to simple majority. This seems to me like cheating, "if you can't win following the rules, change the rules".

I am a voter and I will remember how this plays out.

Jon Emerson
North Haven
First Congressional District

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: cfish9@aol.com [mailto:cfish9@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Condon, Carolyn
Subject: Email addressed to you through the House Democratic Office web site.

Representative:

Name: Carl D Fisher
Address: 39 Lincoln Ave
Address 2:
City: Gardiner
ZIP: 04345
Phone:
Email: cfish9@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

The current redistricting plan smacks of partisanship. There is no logical reason, other than undermining the two current representatives, to redistrict them into the same district. Do you think we voters cannot see through the scheming going on here? Do the right thing and abandon the proposed plan. Play fairly and we will respect you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:22 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kmhessel@aol.com [mailto:kmhessel@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 3:57 PM

Representative:

Name: Karen Hessel
Address: 45 Wildwood Drive
Address 2:
City: Cape Elizabeth
ZIP: 04107
Phone: 207-767-0016
Email: kmhessel@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

We are among the many concerned about a reckless and partisan redistricting proposal for Maine. We had understood that the Commission was to be a protection from such partisan and inappropriate plans to solve a very minor adjustment in the two districts in Maine. This is over the top and inexcusable. It will need to be taken through the courts and delay the whole process if it is not done with care and integrity. WHY not do it "decently and in order"?

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:27 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: fw

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

From: karen@mainenonprofithelp.com [mailto:karen@mainenonprofithelp.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 2:33 PM

Representative:

Name: Karen D'Andrea
Address: 21 Willowdale Rd
Address 2:
City: Scarborough
ZIP: 04074
Phone: 2078838893
Email: karen@mainenonprofithelp.com

Topic:

Comments:

Members of the Commission, I hope that redistricting plans include moving as few voters as possible. This will save money, time and confusion for voters. It will be far less expensive to re-educate voters about their district change as well as cause them less confusion over who they will be voting for. I am an unenrolled voter so have nothing to gain by supporting either plan. The Democrat's plan seems to fit my thinking about voters and saving tax payer money. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:35 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jolanippolito@gmail.com [mailto:jolanippolito@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:22 AM

Representative:

Name: Jolan Ippolito
Address: 442 Ellis River Road
Address 2:
City: Rumford
ZIP: 04276
Phone: 207-364-4102
Email: jolanippolito@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Jolan Ippolito
442 Ellis River Road
Oxford County
Rumford, ME 04276

August 22, 2011

Reapportionment Commission
August, ME 04333

Re: Written testimony

Dear Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Oxford County since 1971, I am writing to expressly discourage the Redistricting Commission from moving Oxford County into the First Congressional District. It does not seem feasible that a Representative can possibly look out for the diverse interests that would result from this part of the plan.

1. The socio-economics of Oxford County are totally diverse from Cumberland and York Counties. Looking at the percentages of free lunch and Medicaid recipients alone points to the disparity of economic opportunities.
2. Oxford County is watching forest and wood products disappear and not being replaced, while southern Maine counties are seeing the growth of businesses.
3. Employment opportunities in Oxford County have not changed since 1971. Professional and mid level jobs were and are non-existent. Oxford County students cannot return home to jobs. They move to Cumberland County.
4. Oxford County housing has taken it hard on the chin since 2008, while southern Maine counties' real estate has remained almost completely intact. (Fortunately for those residents.)
5. This list could go on.

Oxford County and Oxford County Towns have more in common with the other counties and towns currently in District 2. District 2 represents rural Maine. Keep like interests together so the Representative from District 2 can represent the rural constituency that is desperately trying to move forward. Do not let Oxford County drop off the abyss by

grouping it with more fortunate counties.

Yours truly,

Jolan Ippolito
Oxford County

rec'd by email
Aug 21 12:52pm
C. Newell

Steve Wight
6 Red House Drive
Newry, Maine 04261

August 21, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns to the Legislative Committee deliberating the US Legislative District Boundaries of the State of Maine pursuant to the 2010 US Census. Thank you for accepting my testimony in writing as I am unable to be in Augusta on Tuesday, August 23.

I realize that the two Maine legislative districts must have essentially equal populations by federal law and that adjustments must be made in light of the new census. However, as a 40 year resident of Newry in Western Maine and a past or present member of the Newry board of selectmen, the Newry planning board, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, the Mahoohuc Land Trust, and the western Maine Economic Development Council in addition to several other state, regional, and local community civic organizations I feel that it is essential that the "balancing" that your committee is charged with concern itself with more than just a "head count".

It is well known that the communities, customs, and cultures of Maine people vary with the geography of this state of 20+ million acres (one-half of the land mass of New England). Since we are allotted only two legislative districts I believe that it is incumbent upon the committee to look toward keeping communities of similar cultures and needs in the same district.

One of the "pieces in play" in the balancing process appears (at least at the outset of the discussion) to be Oxford County, or maybe even Oxford, Franklin, and Androscoggin together. I ask you to look carefully at the lifestyles of the people of Oxford County as compared to York and Cumberland Counties. In doing so, you will find that Oxford County is composed primarily of rural communities and unorganized townships, very similar to the counties to the north and east through mid-Maine and along the Canadian border. York and Cumberland, on the other hand, consist primarily of larger towns, small to medium cities, and suburban areas. In Oxford County most workers are employed locally or in nearby larger towns, while in York and Cumberland workers are oriented toward the cities along the coast, even including Boston and New York.

Maine is a part of the Northern Forest stretching from upstate New York through Vermont and New Hampshire to the northern parts of our state. Although much of this vast contiguous forest is in Maine, little of it is south of Oxford County.

In order for Oxford County citizens to work collaboratively with other Maine citizens with similar backgrounds, needs, and concerns, we all need to share the same US

Rec'd via e-mail
8/22 3:51 pm
C. Newell

To the Redistricting Commission:

Sorry I cannot make tomorrow's hearing, but want you to know that I, too, am against the Republican redistricting plan. The explanations in the Sun Journal were very much to the point, and this morning there was a good letter pointing out how Western Maine as a District is essential economically and as a community where people pull together in many ways. It would be insane to draw the District 2 lines as the Republicans have recommended. Coastal communities have a lot in common, and District 2 is a cohesive network of people who understand and advocate for their common needs.

--Peggy Turner (Gil, also)
1. Turner Lane
South Paris, ME 04281

Dictated over phone
to C Newell
8/22 2:45pm

To the Commission:

I have lived in the Rumford area for many years and I know that the people of this region share a strong history with northern Maine and the other communities centered around the paper and woods industries. It is very important that we have representation in Congress that is able to focus on the unique needs of these industries.

My involvement with the needs of our veterans has provided the opportunity to work closely with other counties and communities in the Second District on issues of healthcare, employment and other services. The rural parts of our state have many aging veterans and this need will continue to be a focus for whoever represents us.

In addition, there is the issue of how people in this area see ourselves. We are strongly identified with woods, lakes, hunting and fishing, gun ownership, and have been very well-served by being in the Second CD with other regions of the state that share these characteristics.

John Kezal
5 East Bethel Rd
Rumford Maine 04276


Reginald Arsenault
36 Meadow Street
Mexico, ME 04257
364-7003

To: The Redistricting Commission
Date: Aug. 22, 2011
Re: Congressional District Change

I am unable to attend the public hearing on Tuesday due to prior commitments but, as a life-long resident of the River Valley and a selectman for the Town of Mexico, I would like to express my deep concern with the proposed plan that would move Oxford County out of the 2nd Congressional District. The long history of this area as a paper mill town and the common issues that we share with other paper mill towns, and with the wood harvesting region of our state, make it reasonable that the plan that is approved recognize these links and keep the current district intact as much as possible.

Our communities also have many seniors and veterans and it has been important to know that the second district congressional office has been able to develop a high level of experience in issues relating to that population. The people in our area strongly identify with the rural parts of our state to the north and to the service centers of Lewiston, Augusta and Waterville. There is much less identification, if any, with Portland.

Sincerely,


Reggie Arsenault

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:01 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jim@bowerscpa.com [mailto:jim@bowerscpa.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:02 PM

Representative:

Name: James Bowers
Address: Old Union Rd
Address 2:
City: Washington
ZIP: 04574
Phone: 207-845-2815
Email: jim@bowerscpa.com

Topic:

Comments:

The courts have consistently ruled that it is best to disrupt districts as little as possible. It appears that the Republican plan flies in the face of all past court rulings. Why are you wasting time with a plan that moves the district in a way that affects 300,000 people? Isn't it time to grow up and act like responsible legislators? Both districts have been represented well over the years by Democratic and Republican members of congress and there have been no big complaints that people are in an inappropriate district. It's quite obvious to the voting public that Republicans are making a power grab and frankly we're sick and tired of this nonsense. The plan that affects change to the fewest people is the way to go and the way that makes sense.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:52 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: kenntnis@lycos.com [mailto:kenntnis@lycos.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 11:43 AM

Representative:

Name: Brian Temple
Address: 12 Ellsworth St.
Address 2:
City: Portland
ZIP: 04102
Phone: 2072107618
Email: kenntnis@lycos.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a Maine resident I am deeply concerned about the Republican redistricting plan. The sheer size of the constituencies involved in their plan tells me it's gerrymandering. It is clearly designed to benefit the Republican party and even goes so far as to move my Congress-woman's home town to the 2nd district. I am opposed to the Republican plan--it's cynical, unbalanced, and unfair.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:53 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: dmcdermo@gmail.com [mailto:dmcdermo@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:21 PM

Representative:

Name: David McDermott
Address: 60 Bennett Lot
Address 2:
City: South Berwick
ZIP: 03908
Phone: 2079751578
Email: dmcdermo@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am very offended by the Republican Plan; not as a Democrat but as an American. How can elected officials of any party think that disregarding the votes of 360,000 Mainers and moving them around like chess pieces for hoped for political gain represents the best in a democracy. I hope that the countries we hope to export democracy to are not watching. I sincerely hope that responsible Republicans (and I'm old enough to remember when it was a proud party) will be act as democratic leaders. If by some chance this radical plan passes, I am confident that it will backfire and 360,000 angry voters will not not support a party that tries to so overtly manipulate them.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:50 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: peterdrum2008@gmail.com [mailto:peterdrum2008@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 10:01 AM

Representative:

Name: Peter Drum
Address: 24 PINE RIDGE ROAD
Address 2:
City: DAMARISCOTTA
ZIP: 04543
Phone: 2075633126
Email: peterdrum2008@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Members of the Commission,

I write in support of maintaining the established District Lines. The lines as currently drawn reflect different economic interests both of whom need dedicated voices in Washington. Changing 300,000 people's District does not improve their connection to the Representative and only serves to harm those peoples' interests.

Any proposed plan that significantly changes the lines that currently exist are nonsensical. Each district reflects a different reality in Maine. District 2 reflects more inland interests, agriculture, and resource based industries. That the Republican plan would seek to reduce that input by those important interests by mixing up the lines is distressing.

As well, District 1 reflects more coastal interest, high-tech, and service based industries.

Each District has its own character and flavor and they are well expressed in the current lines. To disturb these lines excessively in an effort to gerrymander enough Republicans into a District is the wrong approach. Snowe and Collins can both win state wide elections. You do not need to mix up the congressional districts to win. You just have to nominate better candidates who reflect traditional Maine Republican values.

Furthermore, if you do choose to excessively gerrymander the Districts, law firms like mine will challenge it in court because a plan like that does not serve the interests of the people in either District.

Sincerely, Peter Drum

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:37 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: thomaspjudge@cs.com [mailto:thomaspjudge@cs.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:21 PM

Representative:

Name: Thomas Judge
Address: PO Box 382, 16 Hallie Lane
Address 2:
City: Port Clyde
ZIP: 04855
Phone:
Email: thomaspjudge@cs.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a registered independent voter (non-enrolled) I have followed the various conversations regarding the proposed re-alignment of the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts.

I am dismayed by the proposed re-alignment proposed by the Republican members of the committee. I cannot fathom how the scale of proposed changes is warranted.

I am comfortable with re-alignment of the minimal number of communities possible and believe the current split of Kennebec County is most consistent with historical precedent and previous court approved changes.

Thank you for considering my comments.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:30 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: babsj31@earthlink.net [mailto:babsj31@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:24 AM

Representative:

Name: Barbara Ann Johnson
Address: 11 Back Meadow Road
Address 2:
City: Nobleboro
ZIP: 04555
Phone: 207-563-3619
Email: babsj31@earthlink.net

Topic:

Comments:

It is inconceiveable that anyone in their right mind would shift over 330,000 to achieve balance when just 4400 or so people in one border town would serve the purpose. Are these people nuts? Where is Maine common sense in all this? It sounds like a plan conceived by Darth Vader and executed by his minions. Surely the good people in Maine's Legislature would not approve such plot!!! Yours for responsible leadership - Babs

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 3:48 PM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email

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

From: bmfaiman@aol.com [mailto:bmfaiman@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 3:20 PM

Representative:

Name: Laurence A. Faiman
Address: One Shore Path Road
Address 2:
City: Auburn
ZIP: 04210
Phone: 207-782-4648
Email: bmfaiman@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear members and interested officials: The United States Supreme Court has required the implementation of a system of one person one vote to insure the equality of every person's vote and the integrity of our electoral system. A means of insuring that integrity is making changes from time to time in voting districts when the census determines that districts have become unequal in population. The cornerstone of our democratic system in the maintenance of an electoral process which not only is fair, but, perhaps, equally as important, is perceived by the citizenry as being fair. Our nation's history is replete with efforts by one party or the other to rig the system by means of creating representative districts in which citizens had little in common but which could be anticipated to produce an electoral result favorable to the party in power. Such efforts have resulted in a public perception that our democracy can be too easily manipulated to the detriment of the public.

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t this time of extreme political antagonism and minute favorability ratings for our elected leaders, it is essential that this process be conducted to insure the most fair result possible. Displacing 350,000 citizens in a purely political manouvre to attempt to influence future elections not only demeans the integrity of the process, it makes our citizens more cynical about the purpose of our governmental system. We send individuals thousands of miles to insure the integrity of elections in many foreign countries. This Republican plan makes Maine look like those countries which require monitors. We must insure a process that is fair but, in addition, is perceived to be fair. This plan does neither.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:14 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email redistricting

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

From: rkzic@megalink.net [mailto:rkzic@megalink.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 6:01 PM

Representative:

Name: Rebecca Zicarelli
Address: p.o. box 2
Address 2:
City: Bethel
ZIP: 04217
Phone: 207 824-4557
Email: rkzic@megalink.net

Topic:

Comments:

Republicans promised, going in to this process, to work for the best interest of the state and not to play politics.

This plan is all about the politics, moving thousands of Mainers instead of a single community of Mainers.

Shame on Republicans. I disapprove this plan, and hope Democratic legislators will stand up for some redistricting common sense.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:13 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW: Email redistricting

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

From: dpoirier@zwi..et [mailto:dpoirier@zwi..et]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 6:12 PM

Representative:

Name: N. Diane Poirier
Address: 1 Manning Ave
Address 2:
City: Lewiston
ZIP: 04240
Phone:
Email: dpoirier@zwi..et

Topic:

Comments:

The Republican Redistricting Plan is too radical. It would not be justified moving such a large number of Mainers' into another District. Being from the 2nd District, I have voted for my Representative, as other's in the 2nd District. Our Congressman Mike Michaud, is representing us. He is doing the job he was elected to. This radical redistricting would ignore the voice of the people by changing Lewiston into the 1st District and disrupting this representation.

Please let Lewiston remain in the 2nd District.

Thank you,
Diane Poirier

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:49 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: richard.cohen@maine.edu [mailto:richard.cohen@maine.edu]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 7:23 PM

Representative:

Name: Richard Shain Cohen
Address: 5 Cape Woods Road
Address 2:
City: Cape Elizabeth
ZIP: 04107
Phone:
Email: richard.cohen@maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

As an Independent voter, I am appalled at how the Republicans and Governor LePage wish to cut up the districts. These districts have worked fine in the past and will in the future. What is the true reason for the harsh Republican proposal. Obviously it's to hurt a magnificent representative, Chellie Pingree, and other democrats who will run in the future. This is not a one party state. It is astounding when I read how the intransigent Republicans have decided they will divide the state almost longitudinally. Please look at a map of Maine from the 1830s. You'll see Republican divisions of the present look like that map of the past. They live in a world of the past. Leave us alone.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:08 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: gcarlson@colby.edu [mailto:gcarlson@colby.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:02 AM

Representative:

Name: Gail Carlson
Address: 5 Wilson Park
Address 2:
City: Waterville
ZIP: 04901
Phone:
Email: gcarlson@colby.edu

Topic:

Comments:

I oppose the Republican redistricting plan for Maine. We need a plan that moves as few people as possible, that is logical, and that is NOT in any way politically motivated. Even if redistricting for political gain is occurring elsewhere in the country, we need to make sure that this does not happen in Maine. We also need to be sure that the process for deciding on a redistricting plan follows the letter of current Maine law. Please use reason and fairness in your deliberations. Thank you.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:20 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: meredithares@yahoo.com [mailto:meredithares@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:47 PM

Representative:

Name: Meredith Ares
Address: 13 Norris Street
Address 2:
City: Searsport
ZIP: 04974
Phone: 207-548-1065
Email: meredithares@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

This redistricting proposal is politically motivated and is contrary to the spirit of democracy. It does not benefit Maine or the people of Maine in any way. It is an outrage.

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:20 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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

From: jdandyke@roadrunner.com [mailto:jdandyke@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:47 PM

Representative:

Name: John Van Dyke
Address: 610 Eastern Ave
Address 2:
City: Brewer
ZIP: 04412
Phone:
Email: jdandyke@roadrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'd like to know what part of this GOP plan will create jobs for the State of Maine? Are they scrambling to have "some better advantage"?

MacDonald, Ryan

From: Condon, Carolyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 8:20 AM
To: MacDonald, Ryan
Subject: FW:

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From: jackgondela@gmail.com [mailto:jackgondela@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 6:32 PM

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Topic:

Comments:

The GOP plan is why the public hates politics. It is not designed for the public good, it is coldblooded power grab. The concern about it being closer to even is a red herring. The difference between districts differing by 1 voter or 13 will disappear if a few families move or age. I support the Vassalboro plan, simple, fair and easy.

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From: kelly.ilseman@gmail.com [mailto:kelly.ilseman@gmail.com]
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Topic:

Comments:

Hello, I do not support the redrawing of Maine's congressional districts. I believe it's important to leave these alone so that areas like Lewiston, with a distinct immigrant and working Maine population remain intact, with the full potential for their unique voice and concerns to be heard. The system we have works; let's leave it alone. Thank You for listening!! -Kelly

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From: mjohnson@meca.edu [mailto:mjohnson@meca.edu]
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Topic:

Comments:

Maine elections are viewed both here in Maine and across the USA as being fair and encouraging participation in the truest sense. Given this proud history, it is troubling to see a proposed Republican redistricting plan that would be an example of political gerrymandering to the extreme. There is no other reasonable explanation for the plan and its scope of relocating hundreds of thousands of Mainers to gain political advantage. There is a much less disruptive proposal sponsored by Democrats that accomplished the goal of rebalancing the population between the two Maine districts. It would be such a shame to our state's reputation to let extreme partisan politics drive the process and not the fairness and consensus for which Mainers are well known.

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From: todd_shaw@yarmouthschools.org [mailto:todd_shaw@yarmouthschools.org]
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Representative:

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Topic:

Comments:

There is no question that making changes that impact the fewest voters is the only way to go. To argue about whether the difference needs to be within 1 voter or 10-20 voters is ridiculous. The census numbers aren't that accurate and the true numbers day to day are in constant flux. Changing more than a quarter of the state's voting district is an extreme response to a simple problem and one that can only be politically driven.