

no change to house district 61

Kim Stacey

to:

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To the decision makers,

PLEASE do NOT change our house district 61. We finally have a district that makes sense, we are voting with people who have similar concerns and interests. Don't tear this district apart and put us together with voters with completely different circumstances and lifestyles. Please consider the people and not just the politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kim Stacey

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comments on reapportionment issue
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To committee

Attached are my comments as requested on the reapportionment issue.

I appreciate your requests for public input. Sincerely,

Merilyn Moorhead

Pagosa Springs, Co

June 17th 2011

To the reapportionment comm.

As a 18 year resident of Pagosa Springs (Archuleta County) and previously a 33 year resident of Denver, I have followed the redistricting and reapportionment processes thru their many changes and revisions.

We in SW Colorado appreciated the efforts to keep the Western Slope combined as one district. And now, we are asking you to continue your concern for the "community of interest" you have expressed as an important consideration.

Our small population compared to the Front Range makes it hard for our voice to be heard. By combining forces, our mutual interests can give us a more effective voice.

LaPlata and Archuleta counties share common transportation corridors and recreational and tourism based economies. Adding the eastern part of San Miguel county to House District 59 would increase our common interests (skiing and other outdoor activities.) The western part of San Miguel is similar to Montrose, Dolores and Montezuma counties. Please help us keep our small but vocal voice in state issues.

Sincerely,

Merilyn Moorhead

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June 18, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
c/o Reapportionment Staff
1313 Sherman St., Office 122
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BY email to: reapp2011@state.co.us

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is David Munk, a resident of the Carbondale, Colorado.

The following is a form letter, but it truly represents my beliefs and I am forwarding it unabridged to add my support.

I believe it is important that the Commission keep the boundaries of our 61st State House District similar to those which presently exist. I also believe it is important that Carbondale remain in the 61st House District, along with Gunnison County, Pitkin County, and our Garfield County neighbors, Glenwood Springs and New Castle. Our community has far more in common with other mountain towns than we do with the far northwest corner of the State, dominated by cattle ranching and the gas industry.

The 61st House District works extremely well for its constituents. In the past ten years, we have elected one Republican, one Democrat, and another representative who finished her term as an Independent to the State General Assembly. The District is divided evenly and fairly between voters of both parties and independents. Coloradans deserve competitive districts in the State Legislature. Common local issues help hold our elected officials accountable to our needs, and in turn help create a more engaged public. Competitively drawn districts promote responsibility by legislators, and promote empowerment of citizens. A balanced district imitates the political landscape we have in Colorado, and should be at the center of the reapportionment process.

We in Carbondale are tied to Glenwood Springs and Aspen by many economic and cultural interests which we do not share with other parts of the State. We are members of the same transportation district, the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), where we share transportation routes, regional planning, and regional funding mechanisms. We share similar industries as the towns in our District, including Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Basalt, New Castle, Crested Butte, and Gunnison. Our primary economic interests are tourism, recreation, and year round outdoor activities. We are not an industrial base, as are the cities in extreme northwest Colorado where cattle ranching and the gas industry are the primary economic interest. Our way of life does not have much in common with that part of the State, but rather with the mountain towns here in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

In short, the 61st House District is an area of similar interests. The mountain towns which comprise it face similar economic concerns and political issues. I believe that western Colorado is best served by maintaining the 61st district as it was following the

2000 census. It has proved to be a very balanced district, producing leaders from both parties and independents who represent a mountain town perspective.

Thank you very much,

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Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Thomas M. Baker, a resident of the Carbondale, Colorado. I believe it is important that the Commission keep the boundaries of our 61st State House District similar to those, which presently exist. I also believe it is important that Carbondale remain in the 61st House District, along with Gunnison County, Pitkin County, and our Garfield County neighbors, Glenwood Springs and New Castle. Our community has far more in common with other mountain towns than we do with the far northwest corner of the State, dominated by cattle ranching and the gas industry.

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Thank you very much,

Respectfully,

Thomas M. Baker

Dist 61
Arthur Rothman
to:
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To The Colorado Reapportionment Commission,

As a resident of Carbondale Colorado I respectfully ask that you do not make substantial changes to Colorado House District 61. Despite covering a large and geographically odd area, the district population share many needs. The district has shown to be politically competitive which is good for all citizens. We also share common economic and social issues which other parts of the State are not aware of. Joining us with counties in northwest Colorado would be unfair and deprive us of representation.

Sincerely,
Arthur Rothman
721 CR 170
Carbondale

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- Most of us would like it to stay this way. It is competitive, and it
- represents a community of interest between all our mountain towns. We share
- similar economic and political challenges that other parts of the State have
- no awareness of.
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- A plan forwarded by some in Denver would place us in a District with Moffat
- County and Rio Blanco County. The District would be dominated by towns in
- the extreme Northwest part of the State which share little in common with
- us.

Keep New Castle in the 61st District, please!

Lauren McDonell

to:

reapp2011

06/20/2011 06:36 AM

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Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Lauren McDonell and I live in the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado. I am also the Chair of the Town's Climate Action Advisory Commission.

I'm writing to urge you to keep the boundaries of our 61st State House District similar to those which presently exist. I believe it is extremely important that the Town of New Castle remain in the 61st House District. New Castle currently consists of Garfield County Precincts 13, 14, and 15.

There are several reasons why it makes sense to keep New Castle in the 61st District. New Castle is essentially a bedroom community for Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Aspen etc. I personally live in New Castle and commute to Aspen daily for work. We are just eleven miles west of Glenwood Springs and share the same newspaper, radio stations, stores and community organizations. We are essentially a part of the Glenwood Springs community, while our ties to the towns to the north and west of us are not as strong.

We are connected to Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, and Aspen by many communities of interest which we do not share with other parts of the State. We are members of the same transportation district, the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), where we share transportation routes, regional planning, and regional funding mechanisms. We are the westernmost member of this District. The cities and towns to the west of us have chosen not to be members of RFTA, but New Castle is an eager and active participant in our transportation district.

New Castle also shares similar industries as the towns to the east of us, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Basalt, and Aspen. While the gas extraction industry is very active to the west of our town, there is no active gas industry in New Castle, nor in the area to the north and east of our town. New Castle's economy focuses on outdoors sporting, including the rafting, skiing, hiking, and camping opportunities for which Aspen, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs are known. We are a gateway to the surrounding touring, camping, hiking, and fishing natural areas, including the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, which lies to the north of our Town. We are not an industrial base, as are the cities to the west of us.

We believe that our interests are best served by being a part of the District which serves other mountain towns such as Gunnison, Crested Butte, Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. We do not share nearly as many communities of interest with the counties to the north of us, such as Rio Blanco and Moffatt, which are more known for the cattle ranching and gas drilling industries which they encompass. As it is apportioned currently, the 61st House District is an area of similar interests. The mountain towns which comprise it, including New Castle, face similar economic concerns and political issues. The 61st has proved to be a very balanced district, producing leaders from both parties and independents who represent a discreet mountain town perspective.

Thank you for carefully considering this important decision.

Sincerely,
Lauren McDonell

279 White Horse Drive
New Castle, CO 81647

Representative Ray Scott
State of Colorado
House District 54

June 13, 2011

Re: Reapportionment

Representative Scott,

I am writing today to voice my opinion as one of your constituents living in House District 54 in light of the upcoming reapportionment hearings and potential changes. Since we are still in an economic downturn in the Mesa County area and surrounding areas due to the implosion of Natural Gas drilling and restrictions applied by the State, the numbers here have decreased due to many folks leaving the area and moving to locations that are actually adding jobs. The last number I recall from the local media is just under 10% unemployment. It seems to me that maybe the State should focus more on jobs rather than keeping political power or gerrymandering for new districts.

It appears the eastern slope will have more to deal with in regards to splitting numbers since many from here have moved to the Denver Metro and surrounding areas but at face value to me everything in District 54 and 55 should remain as they are. If the Democrats are worried about safe districts over here they need not worry since typically out of District 55 a more moderate Republican or Democrat is usually elected. If typical politics play out then it is likely the State Supreme court will make the final decisions regardless of what the People think.

I appreciate your willingness to serve our District but let the powers that be understand that I am upset with status quo politics and politicians. Based on news already published, this reapportionment will be about securing safety seats rather than fulfilling the actual design of government. Representative Scott you have proven so far you are not the status quo politician and I know there are many battles at many levels that need to be fought but this one should be simple, leave it alone!

Kind Regards,



Kevin King
2041 Jordan Ct
Grand Junction, CO 81507

Redistricting
Maureen and Bob Hall

to:

reapp2011

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Cc:

"Starr Jim", "Reed Ramon", "Janney Betsy & Don", "Diani Jack", roger
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Dear Commission Members,

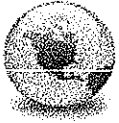
Attached to this email is the official position of the Gunnison County Democratic Party which passed a resolution on redistricting at our February 14, 2011 Central Committee Meeting. You have also received an email from Ramon Reed, our Vice Chair, on this subject which goes into more detail describing the reasons why it is incredibly important to not split Gunnison County between two House Districts as shown on the recent maps. We would very much appreciate your reviewing both of these documents.

Sincerely,

Maureen E. Hall

Co-Chair

Gunnison County Democrats



Reapportionment of Gunnison County
Don Janney to: reapp2011
Cc: thehalls, ramon, roger, jim

06/20/2011 09:39 AM

To the Reapportionment Commission:

I urge the retention of Gunnison County entirely within a single House District. To separate different portions of the county, most especially the Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte region from the City of Gunnison, overlooks the requirement for retaining communities of interest as intact units. These municipalities have been drawing ever closer together economically and culturally in recognition of common interests. These interests include the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), which is funded by interests in both parts of the County, and includes programs that promote air travel into the overall region, and ground transportation within the region and to Denver. These municipality-driven considerations are overlaid on a common desire to retain a vigorous ranching community as part of the overall county ambience that is vital to continuing efforts to build a necessary tourist industry that will benefit both Gunnison County and the entire Western Slope. A single State House Representative is vital for appropriate bonding and representation of these common and synergistic community interests.

Please reconsider and reject any proposal that will divide Gunnison County into two or more House Districts.

Donald Janney
Resident of the City of Gunnison close-in suburban area
Former resident of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte

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Please combine Fremont and Custer counties in the reapportionment process.

Reapportionment
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Dear Commissioners:

I am a Teller County resident and wanted to share my opinion regarding the upcoming legislative redistricting.

Many in our community were initially skeptical of the map 10 years ago because it paired Teller County with Douglas County in a House district. Teller was traditionally paired with El Paso. But over time, I believe many in the community have come to the belief that the pairing is working.

While combining our Front Range county with El Paso would clearly be ideal, my understanding is that El Paso County has enough population for precisely 8 seats in the House, making such a pairing unlikely.

Douglas County is a good second best option for us. It has worked successfully for the past 10 years. I would like to urge the commission to consider keeping Douglas and Teller counties paired together in the coming reapportionment, if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Teller County RCC Secretary
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District reapportionment.

Arthur Harris

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As a long term resident of El Paso County, I urge those involved in the decision for reapportionment to please keep the area around downtown Colorado Springs intact within a single house and senate district. This important area needs to be a cohesive entity politically.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Arthur Harris

District lines
Kathryn Kuisle
to:
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Committee,

I support these ideas in your considerations state legislature's district lines. Keep the area around downtown Colorado Springs intact within a single house and senate district. Residents of Manitou Springs and downtown Colorado Springs have common needs and challenges and should be included in a single senate and house map and not be divided up among the other districts within El Paso.

The growth in the Hispanic population should be reflected through a Hispanic influence district if possible. The Hispanic population of El Paso County is primarily located near the airport in the southeast corner of Colorado Springs. There is enough of a concentration of Hispanics in this area to have an impact on the elective power for the house district that incorporates this area. Provided that the Hispanic population in this area has grown significantly over the past 10 years, a house district should be created to reflect their growing influence in the region.

Thank you for listening.

Kathryn Kuisle, PhD

From the Desk of David L. Bryan

June 19, 2011

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Re: El Paso County Reapportionment

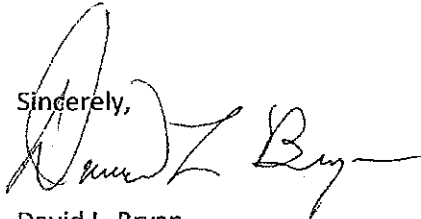
Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of El Paso County and have lived in the area since 1985. I am optimistic that the redistricting process will refine and improve our districts in El Paso County in the following ways:

- I. The Hispanic community in El Paso County is diffuse and lacks cohesiveness relative to Denver, Greeley and Southern Colorado. HD 17's Hispanic population should improve so that the Hispanics can coalesce around representative leadership. A Colorado House Representative typically is/becomes a community leader as well as a representative in the legislature.
- II. It is beneficial to reconnect the communities of Manitou, Old Colorado City, Downtown Colorado Springs, the Old North end with all of Colorado College. Many of these residents live and work in the same communities and share parks, churches, the arts, transportation corridors and recreational activities. HD 18 should include all of these communities of interest.
- III. Colorado Springs benefits from two party representation, just as the rest of the State benefits. Without proper consideration when drawing district maps it is too easy to end up with single party representation in El Paso County. As an example we currently have single party representation in the El Paso County Board of Commissioners.

Your consideration of these points while redrawing our House Districts will be appreciated by our community.

Sincerely,



David L. Bryan

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From the Desk of Dr Mona Rane

June 18, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
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Re: House District 18

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Dr Mona Rane and I live in the Old North End community in Colorado Springs, House District 18. The Old North end is bordered by Colorado College, the Patty Jewett golf course which is the oldest public course west of the Mississippi and Old Colorado City, formerly the Colorado Territorial Capitol.

Manitou Springs, Old Colorado City, Downtown Colorado Springs and the Old North End share history, parks, schools and interests both economic and cultural. It is vital to our community interests that these historic and cultural communities are all included in Colorado House District 18.

Your consideration of these community interests while redistricting HD18 will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Dr. Mona Rane, MD

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Reapportionment in El Paso County – Comments from Tom Mowle

I would anticipate that there will be 8 house districts within El Paso County, and 4 senate districts, with part of the county making up a minority part of a 5th senate district.

The current configuration of House districts does not always effectively unite communities of interest, and I hope the 2011 reapportionment can correct some of these deficiencies.

In the southern part of the county, Fort Carson (pct 214) is much more closely tied to the Fountain Valley in HD-19, and also to the areas along Hwy 115 in HD-21, than it is to the southeastern part of Colorado Springs (HD-17).

The Fountain Valley, currently in HD-19, should remain in a single district.

There is an increasing Hispanic population in the southeastern part of Colorado Springs itself, roughly east of Hancock and south of Pikes Peak – this area is also united by a high concentration of foreclosures and low economic development. This area should be united into a single district, including parts of the current HD-17 and HD-18.

The old core of Colorado Springs, including Manitou Springs, should be united into a single district. Much of this is now in HD-18, but the northern boundary of this central portion of the Springs would be Fillmore.

HD-21 unites disparate areas in the Broadmoor, Skyway, and Cheyenne Canyon with Black Canyon and the Flying W, Mountain Shadows, and Peregrine areas. While these areas lack geographic cohesion, they form a socioeconomic community of interest. As this district needs to gain population, and perhaps shed its Fremont County portion, more of the Rockrimmon area could be added to it out of HD-14 and HD-20.

That change would allow the current HD-14 to include all of the very cohesive Briargate area, along with nearby Pine Creek and Cordera, now divided among HD-14 and HD-20.

The current HD-16 could reasonably expand to the north or east, as it currently splits cohesive neighborhoods with neighboring HD-14 and HD-19.

On the Senate side, the major problem in the current map is in SD-9. The current boundaries fail to create a district that represents central Colorado Springs. As noted above, the old center city is roughly south of Fillmore, but as currently drawn, downtown and parts of the North End (even part of Colorado College) are in SD-12. This needs to be fixed. On the south side of the district, it now includes several precincts in the Broadmoor area that should be linked to the rest of that neighborhood in SD-12.

Otherwise, with the Senate the same comments made above about communities of interest apply.



RE: El Paso County Reapportioning
Cynthia Kulp to: reapp2011
Cc: Cynthia Kulp

06/20/2011 11:19 AM

Dear Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns and opinions about reapportionment in El Paso County. I would like to see the competitive districts of HD 18 & 17 be maintained in Colorado Springs, and strengthened with the possible addition of similar communities of interests.

HD 18, currently held by Rep. Pete Lee, is an area that spans the Hwy. 24 corridor and the neighborhoods it covers have much in common. It needs to be kept together along this corridor, with the possible addition of some precincts to the south of it's boundaries that share similar interests in the arts and outdoor recreation. Those of us who live in the area shop in the commercial areas of Manitou Springs, Old Colorado City, and downtown Colorado Springs, which are all located within HD 18. There are many artists living in this area and they utilize the galleries that are located in those three areas, especially in Manitou Springs. HD 18 presently connects the artistic community in Manitou to the downtown area, and that connection should be maintained for the benefit of those artists and those who support & patronize the artistic community.

HD 18 also includes (or is next to) several prized open space areas, such as Bear Creek Park, Section 16, Red Rocks Canyon, The Intemann Trail, Cheyenne Canon, White Acres and the foothills south and west of Colorado Springs. Area residents enjoy hiking, biking and many activities in these outdoor areas, and also share a strong an interest in protecting them for the future. Keeping this community of interest together in the same house district is important because it unites advocates for preservation and maintenance of these precious outdoor resources. It provides voters with more effective representation in the legislature around their interests.

HD 17 in Southeast Colorado Springs is presently a competitive district, and also perhaps the most diverse area of our city. As persons of color tend to be in the minority in Colorado Springs, it is important to keep areas with large minority populations together so that they can have the most impact on issues of concern for them. For example, the Hispanic community has grown, and rather than dilute their numbers through reapportionment, it is more beneficial for this community to be in the same house district where they can have maximum impact on state policy. That way, the hispanic population can better hold their elected officials accountable for representing their interests.

It is my sincere desire that the Reapportionment Commission will roughly follow the current boundaries of HD 18 & 17 with some minor changes in order to keep these communities of interest together, and enable them to to work together for their common interests, irregardless of which party is representing them in the State Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Reapp in District 61

Linda Shaw

to:

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Please respond to Linda Shaw

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Reapportion Committee Members:

I feel you should split counties, if you need to, so that it will make reapportion based on competitive districts.

This will help to make local issues, and the elected officials accountable to our needs in the rural resort area of Glenwood Springs. In Glenwood my community has more in common with southwestern Eagle County, as well and Pitkin and Gunnison Counties. We share important economic ties, like tourism, river rafting, and skiing.

Glenwood has a major highway 82 that runs through it and feeds Aspen in people power, as a work force, and as a place for reasonable/affordable housing for the workforce going to Aspen on a daily basis.

We have nothing to do with the Gas Exploration Issues that plague Western Garfield County, and that region of Garfield County certainly need their own elected officials to listen to their concerns and to represent them at the legislature. However, Glenwood Springs, in Eastern Garfield County, needs its elected officials to focus on the Roaring Fork watershed, and share the watershed concern as our watershed neighbors in western Eagle and Pitkin County. Watershed, tourism, transportation (RFTA), Hwy 82 ties Eastern Garfield county geographically, politically, and economically to southwestern Eagle County, and to Pitkin and Gunnison Counties. Please keep these issues in mind as you do the reapportion process. Glenwood Springs needs to remain a part of District 61.

Thank you,

Linda Carlson Shaw

41 Oak Lane

Glenwood Springs, Col. 81601



Thank you for serving on the Reapportionment Commission.

Thanks to Sen. Carroll for emails on reapportionment and thanks to Rick Pallacio for visiting areas on the Western Slope considering reapportionment.

I attended a meeting Sat. in Durango. I support the 59th House District lines as they were displayed Sat., which including Hinsdale County and left all of Montezuma County in the 58th District. One person at the meeting thought Hinsdale could be divided in half according to where people buy, sell and trade. That might be considered as well, because mountains divide some of the small towns there.

Having grown up in Montezuma County and lived 30 years in LaPlata County, I see growing changes over the years between the counties. Montezuma County is more closely tied with Dolores County in trade and vacationing. LaPlata County has become more tied to San Juan, Archuleta and other small counties North of LaPlata County. Social services are generally shared between Montezuma and LaPlata Counties, but vacationing, many school activities, planning meetings, oil & gas meetings, etc., and organic agriculture/gardening meetings are shared more with LaPlata County and counties to the North, along with Archuleta County. I believe that my relatives in Cortez would like to know that their county is not separated, but totally included in the 58th District. Grouping counties that have a lot of tourism makes some sense as well.

Considering the 6th Judicial District, I appreciate your considerations for fairness in reapportionment. I have attended meetings in Montrose, but had difficulties with Montrose individuals meeting for some educational meetings in Durango, since we are separated by Red Mt. Pass. Montrose is approx. 2 1/2 hrs. from Durango in good weather, so it is understandable that many people in Montrose County prefer to attend meetings in Grand Junction rather than our meetings in Durango, Cortez, or Pagosa Springs. The only possible change I would consider in reapportioning the 6th District is to consider whether or not Montrose should be included in a district further North. Hinsdale County, again, might possibly be divided according to where people in that county buy and trade ? some to the North.

I have lived in Dove Creek, Cortez, Durango, Alamosa and Pueblo. I like the way the 3rd C.D. has been redrawn to include counties that have a lot in common, culturally and agriculturally.

Carla Mulkey, Durango 970-749-9023

district boundaries
DALE MILLIGAN
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Gale Berry,

It would be most helpful to keep the Western Slope counties together. Our votes in any matters will be cancelled out if our Western Slope is divided.

Sincerely,
Pam Milligan
Mesa County

HD61 and Reapportionment

Gary Bryant

to:

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06/15/2011 11:52 AM

Please respond to Gary Bryant

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Dear Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

It was very disconcerting to see in the **Glenwood Springs post Independent** this week that Garfield County Commissioner Tom Jankovsky, my good neighborhood across the street, joined the other 2 Republican county commissioners in proposing that Garfield County be kept in tact in a realignment of HD57 and HD61 through the reapportionment process.

This does not reflect the unique differences between the eastern and western portions of the county and appears to be more of a power grab by Republicans that would undermine the essential competitiveness of the current division of Garfield County between these 2 house districts. I am frankly astounded that my neighbor who oversees Sunlight Mountain Ski Resort would believe that someone who represents the interests of Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties would give the ski industry and related tourism concerns as much time and consideration as he or she would grant gas and oil development!

I believe that the Roaring Fork Valley that is best defined by the service routes of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority should be maintained as a part of HD61. That area runs from New Castle to the west of Glenwood Springs (*a community that is well described as a bedroom community of Glenwood Springs*) all the way along Hwy 82 to Aspen. Eastern Garfield County is a geographical area that is identified by its watershed river systems and by its community of interest: skiing, outdoor recreation, tourism and other common economic concerns. Western Garfield County — that area west of the “hogback” between New Castle and Silt — has much more in common with the 2 counties to the north — Rio Blanco and Moffat — principally because of the presence of gas and oil development and the cluster of economic and community interests that revolve around that activity. There is a very real geological and economic difference here!

I am very concerned that a realignment that places all of Garfield County with Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties would blur the fundamental and unique differences between east and west Garfield County as suggested above. Furthermore, it would make it very difficult for one person to represent both ends of this county, and some very important concerns and interests would likely get lost or be significantly underrepresented as a consequence. I believe that my community has been well represented by sharing a legislative district with southwestern Eagle County as well as Pitkin and Gunnison Counties.

We who live in the eastern portion of Garfield County deserve to have our unique interests and needs effectively represented. Though I understand that one criteria in the reapportionment process is keeping counties entirely within a single legislative district, please put the non-competitive suggestion from our Board of County Commissioners — all republicans — in proper perspective: it distorts fundamental differences in our county and appears to be a blatant power grab!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Gary D. Bryant

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*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is not to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein*

District 61
Nancy HESS
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I am a resident of Glenwood Springs, CO. I have a son who lives here and is an employee of Aspen Skiing Co. This is an indication of the connection between Aspen and Glenwood. This is "ski country". The Roaring Fork Transit Authority connects New Castle to Aspen. The Highway 82 "corridor" is an economic as well as a recreational "highway". As you are well aware, the natural gas business begins west of New Castle. From that point west Garfield County has a very different economic focus. With these points in mind I believe that Glenwood Springs should remain in the same district as the Roaring Fork Valley. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hess

Eastern and Western Garfield County
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Please consider these remarks considering House District 61 and Eastern and Western Garfield County.

Our interests are best served by acknowledging that what goes on in Eastern Garfield County is really quite different than Western Garfield County, which as you may remember stretches to the border of Utah.

Workers from the bedroom communities of New Castle and Silt work for the most part up-valley, in Glenwood Spgs., or even commuting up the Roaring Fork Watershed to Aspen, thus creating an economic interest area dominated by recreation and second homes. Beyond these cities, to the West, the commute becomes less sensible, and people work for the oil and gas industry; and do their shopping in Grand Junction

The area to the west of these communities is quite different geologically and this can be seen clearly by the fact that oil and gas drilling stops in New Castle; and to the East the recreation industries become paramount.

Water, {mainly the river} an issue that will become ever more contentious, turns at the point below New Castle from more a recreational {and development for housing} vehicle, to a resource essential to, and affected by, natural gas drilling. A drive along I-70 from Glenwood to Grand Junction shows clearly where and why this division would make sense.

Thank you for reviewing my remarks.

Sincerely
Barbara Coddington
203 3rd St.
Glenwood Spgs., Co 970-945-9462

Colorado Reapportionment Commission

c/o Reapportionment Staff

1313 Sherman St., Office 122

Denver, CO 80203

BY email to: reapp2011@state.co.us

June 16, 2011

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Thank you very much,

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New Castle Reapportionment
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June 16, 2011

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My name is Glenn Wysocki, a resident of the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado.

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New Castle, Colorado

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June 16, 2011

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Eileen Wysocki, a 15 year resident of the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado. I also serve as a member of the New Castle Climate Action Commission and as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the town of New Castle. I believe it is extremely important that the Commission keep the boundaries of our 61st State House District similar to those which presently exist. I also believe it is extremely important that the Town of New Castle remain in the 61st House District. New Castle currently consists of Garfield County Precincts 13, 14, and 15.

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Thank you very much,

Eileen Wysocki

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New Castle, CO 81647

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Leave the Mountain district as it is. District 61 is appropriate now. We all work and send kids to school in Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley. That economy is all interconnected. New Castle is a bedroom community for poepl who work in Aspen,Snomass, Basalt ,Carbondale and Vail.

Thanks,
Amy Fetterhoff
New Castle Colorado

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no to repportionment of HD61!

Laurie Loeb

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As a fifty-year resident of the Roaring Fork Valley in House District 61, and forty years in Carbondale, I oppose reappportioning the House District boundaries. HD 61 currently includes mountain towns which share similar economic, cultural and political challenges that differ vastly from those of Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties. Our district's economic interests are tourism, recreation, and year round outdoor activities, unlike the gas industry and cattle ranching economic base of NW Colorado. Please do NOT allow the district's boundries to change!

Laurie Loeb

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Laurie Loeb

Rhythms of the Heart

Carbondale, Colorado

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"Worse than being blind is to see and have no vision." - Helen Keller

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Please do not reapportion Carbondale, Co., as a 40 year resident I appreciate a uniqueness this area possesses. we do not think politically in the same way the northern towns we would be lumped with do. We are a progressive town always on the cutting edge of new ways of being, Thank you, Patricia Phelan

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New Castle, Colorado
House District 61

Re: apportionment proposal
Sue Edelstein
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission and Staff,

I wish to express my views regarding the proposal that would put my community, Carbondale, in a district with the far northwest part of the state. I think this is not a good idea. Our needs and interests have little in common with theirs. Now we have a small group of mountain communities that have strong year-around recreation, culture, business, energy, and tourism/second homes. That is a good fit. In the new plan, the goals and interests of the community diverge and the distances are even greater than they are now...there is no way even the most dedicated of people could represent such an area and its residents.

I urge you not to make this change and to keep our alignment similar to what it is now.

Sue Edelstein
Carbondale



Please see the attached letter in favor of Not reapportioning District 61 to include the NW territories of Colorado. The Mountain District is distinct in our challenges and strengths and would be diluted being lumped together with Moffat and Rio Blanc Counties!

Sincerely,
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ERIN RIGNEY
partner \ art director

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June 16, 2011

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c/o Reapportionment Staff
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BY email to: reapp2011@state.co.us

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

Our names are ERIN RIGNEY & Carlton Craig Wheelless and we are residents of Carbondale, Colorado.

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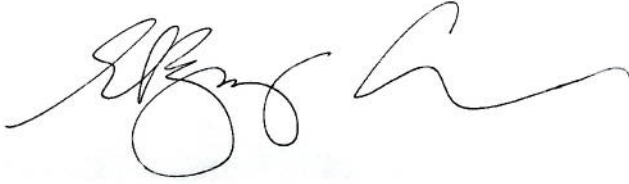
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Erin Rigney & Carlton Craig Wheelless
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Reapportionment re 61st House District
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Thank you very much,
Annie Flynn
Carbondale, CO

Re: Reapportionment comments for Garfield County
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Dear Reapportionment committee:

I would like the opportunity, if I may, to comment on the reapportionment process as it applies to Garfield County.

A little background: I grew up in Northglenn. I have lived in many different areas in the state, including Denver, Delta County, and Summit County. I have lived in Glenwood Springs for 12 years or so, and have had a chance to get to know my adopted county quite well.

My county commissioners have gone on record that they prefer to have the entire county in HD 57. I feel differently. I have been an unaffiliated voter for most of my adult life, and then registered as a Democrat some years ago. However, no matter how I vote, I feel that the districts of all Colorado should be competitive, i.e., that the possibility of either a Democrat, a Republican, or an unaffiliated candidate should have a chance to win a local and district election. Our districts need to represent ALL citizens, and not be a "safe" district for either party. Otherwise, one sector of the population is left with the helpless feeling of having no chance to have a voice in the legislative process. We all need to feel that our legislator in the state is accountable and sensitive to the needs of the county and district instead of being more loyal to party politics. Additionally, we must feel that we are able to make a difference, and feel empowered in the legislative process.

As you know, In Garfield County, we are split in half - House District 61 in the Carbondale/Glenwood side, to HD 57 in the western half of the county. This is not necessarily a bad thing. There are many differences between the western and eastern halves of this county. I notice that the western half, starting at about Silt/Rifle, is more agricultural, rural, and mineral production based. Some people will travel to the Glenwood Springs/Aspen areas to work, but many are gas-field workers, support for the gas industry, or based in a ranching culture. On the other hand, in the eastern half, from approximately New Castle up-valley, the focus is on recreation, such as winter recreation in the form of skiing, snowshoeing, and the like, or summer activities for tourism including rafting, kayaking, mountain climbing, and so forth. Therefore, although we share the same county, we do not share the same "values", if you will.

I believe keeping it split the way it is can be appropriate with one exception: include New Castle in HD 61. New Castle straddles the line, but is based more in the winter/summer recreation jobs than the agricultural/mining jobs. If you redraw lines at all, my preference would be to extend the line for HD 61 to the western edge of New Castle at least, and it will keep our county competitive in representation.

Thank you so much for your time and effort in working on the reapportionment process. Again, thank you allowing me to voice my thoughts on this matter.

Gay E. Moore
103 2nd Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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June 16, 2011

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

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Sondra M Smith

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(Alice in Wonderland)

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My name is Douglas DeNio and am a resident of the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado. I am a retired civil engineer and believe I have a unique perspective regarding reapportionment issues in Garfield County since I have lived in both western Garfield County (Battlement Mesa/Parachute, 1998-2005) and eastern Garfield County (New Castle, 2005- present).

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Sincerely,

Douglas DeNio

25 Buckskin Circle, New Castle, CO 81647

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June 16, 2011

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Bruce H, Leland
New Castle

Reapportionment of District 61

Patrick Stuckey

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June 16, 2011

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Reapportionment of District 61

Mary Metzger

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Reapportionment of southwestern Colorado legislative districts

Nan ROWE

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

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Please respond to Nan ROWE

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June 16, 2011

Dear Reapportionment Commission:

I am writing as a 16 year resident of Archuleta County to urge that, as you consider redrawing the Assembly's House and Senate districts, you place more weight on the real communities of interest which exist in this area than has perhaps been done in the past. Specifically, most of this area is characterized by economies dominated by outdoor recreational and tourist-oriented attractions. Our mountain communities depend largely upon our beautiful skiing terrain in the winter and our opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and rafting during the summer months. In contrast, the eastern portion of Montezuma County, which is currently included in our House District 59, is characterized primarily by traditional farm and agricultural activities. Nor does eastern Montezuma County have the type of mountain terrain that characterizes the rest of HD 59's communities.

If a county must be split in order to accommodate the population objectives of the redistricting effort, it would make much more sense to split San Miguel County into an eastern and western portion than it does for Montezuma County to remain split. The mountain and tourism-oriented communities of Pagosa Springs and Durango have so much more in common with the community of Telluride than they do with eastern Montezuma County. Moreover, it can be argued that western San Miguel County has more in common with Montezuma County than it does with eastern San Miguel County. In contrast, the three mountain communities I've mentioned share the same major outdoor and recreational based industries, as well as common transportation corridors.

Please give serious consideration to adding the eastern portion of San Miguel County to House District 59, and reunite Montezuma County into one district, in order to reduce the current dilution of its citizens' voting strength. Thank you for your attention to this important southwestern Colorado issue.

Nan Rowe
Pagosa Springs

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June 16, 2011

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is William Charles Ringer, a resident of the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado. ***(I also serve as President of the Lions Club, President of the New Castle Historical Society, own, operate and reside in commercial property on Main Street, Highway 6 & 24.)*** I believe it is extremely important that the Commission keep the boundaries of our 61st State House District similar to those which presently exist. I also believe it is extremely important that the Town of New Castle remain in the 61st House District. New Castle currently consists of Garfield County Precincts 13, 14, and 15.

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Thank you very much,

Wm. Charles Ringer
331 W. Main Street
New Castle, CO 81647

State House district 61
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As a resident of New Castle I am concerned that redistricting our State House away from it's current boundaries will negatively impact the balance which now exists.....namely that this area historically elects people from both parties. Moving us to a region which is already dominated by one ideology will mean our votes become meaningless. In addition, the character of our area has less in common, therefore our needs will be lost in the shuffle. Please retain District 61 as is. If it is moved, it will be seen as political gamesmanship of the worst kind.

Thank you,
Patricia Ringer
New Castle, CO



Please Ms. and Sirs,
Do not change the boundaries of our political representatives. We are finally given candidates that are from similar areas to our own, people who understand my issues. Just when people get to understand each other a shift (like the proposed redistricting) occurs to throw the process into disfunction. Our western Mt towns deserve to stay together. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Kim Stacey

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Dear Committee: I am writing as a resident of El Paso County in regard to the re-apportionment of the state legislative districts. I currently live in HD 23. I am an artist and sell my work at Commonwheel Co-op Artists in Manitou Springs. I feel a special affinity with Manitou, the West Side and the North End of Colorado Springs. I feel that HD18 is more closely aligned with my interests as an artist and affinity with the arts in general, as these are the areas in El Paso County that contain the largest number of artists, galleries and individuals with similar interests and concerns. I also spend a portion of every day on trails in Cheyenne Canon, Stratton Preserve, Bear Creek Canon and Manitou Springs which are very important to me and also to many of my neighbors. Cheyenne Canon is significantly different than the Broadmoor Area, which is a part of HD23. I feel these recreational opportunities on the eastern foothills of Pikes Peak should be unified in HD18.

Sincerely,
Lynn Lee
1600 W. Cheyenne Rd.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80906



Carbondale/Glenwood Springs
Susan Rhea to: reapp2011@state.co.us

06/17/2011 08:50 AM

I live in the area between the cities named above, and am particularly interested in keeping my state representatives interested in my issues and perspective. I know our population distribution has changed with the recession, but lumping us with towns in northwest CO would be detrimental to all of us. We already face this problem with our federal reps, and need to know our more local govt hears our mountain voice.

Please figure a way to retain our voice in the state house and senate.

Thank you

Susan Rhea
347 Wood Nymph Lane
Glenwood Springs 81601
Sent from my iPhone

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
c/o Reapportionment Staff
1313 Sherman St., Office 122
Denver, CO 80203

June 16, 2011

BY email to: reapp2011@state.co.us

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Michael James Ogl

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Michael Ogl 6/16/2011

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Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Mary Lou Haflinger, a resident of the Town of New Castle, in Garfield County, Colorado. I also serve as Chairman of New Castle's Historic Preservation Commission, and am a volunteer with the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Friends of the New Castle Library.

You may notice that this letter is nearly identical to others you may have received from New Castle residents. I took the liberty of following the format used by a fellow citizen as I do not believe I could have said it more fluently or succinctly.

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Sincerely,

Mary Lou Haflinger

13 Buckskin Circle

New Castle, CO 81647

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June 16, 2011

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Nicole Scheiblberg

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Sloan Shoemaker

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c/o Reapportionment Staff

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June 16, 2011

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Thank you very much,

Eileen Leland
New Castle

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Bob Millette
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Sincerely Yours,
Frank Breslin, mayor,
Town of New Castle

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