

From: Chris Herrod
To: jenaire@gmail.com
Date: 10/15/2011 5:51 PM
Subject: Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map (G.R.A.M.A. Disclaimer)

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Representative Chris Herrod

>>> Jen <jenaire@gmail.com> 10/15/11 17:51 >>>

Dear Representative,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have attended many of the public hearings on redistricting and have studied the maps. I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified by Representative Brian King).
<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map

I know and greatly appreciate that you care about and work hard for the people of Utah.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pathak
Member of Represent Me Utah!

Chris Herrod - redistricting

From: gail gerlach <ggerlach@mac.com>
To: <cherrod@utah.gov>
Date: 10/15/2011 10:29 PM
Subject: redistricting

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I agree with the Deseret News editorial a few days ago, gerrymandering may be legal by your own rules, but it is not ethical or moral or even necessary for you to retain a majority. It not only disadvantages the minority party, it also disadvantages the majority by protecting incumbents and protecting favorites. A healthy majority of people in Utah, republicans, democrats, libertarians, and independents wanted an *independent commission* because they did not trust the Legislature to do the right thing. Show us you can rise above partisanship.

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From: Chris Herrod
To: dixierepublican@yahoo.com
Date: 10/16/2011 9:02 AM
Subject: Re: Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes (G.R.A.M.A. Disclaimer)

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>>> Larry Meyers <dixierepublican@yahoo.com> 10/16/11 09:02 >>>

Dear Utah House members,

I am writing to encourage you to pass SB 3002, which was vetted by the Redistricting Committee and passed by the Utah Senate. SB 3002 brings a fair urban-rural balance to the redistricting process and treats southern Utah fairly.

Now is not the time to start over and try to pass a whole new map that has not been through the committee process and public scrutiny. If you do, it will lead to diminished public support for those who pushed the last-minute changes. It also appears to me that any last minute changes will be subject to a lawsuit on the grounds that they are based on partisan calculations, which is prohibited by the redistricting rules.

Let's finish the process tomorrow by passing SB 3002!

Larry Meyers
Treasurer, Utah Republican Assembly

Chris Herrod - Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.

From: Represent Me Utah <representmeutah@gmail.com>
To: <waddoups@utahsenate.org>, <blockhart@utah.gov>
Date: 10/16/2011 2:25 PM
Subject: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.

Dear Representatives and Senators,

An article in the Deseret News (Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011) has us seriously concerned.

The general tone of the article is that the special session on Monday will be quick and that minds have already been made up. We would urge you to not act in haste. We know members are all aware that the Legislature is allowed up to thirty days to complete the redistricting task with a special session.

We recognize that the process of redistricting has been long and challenging, but to suggest that all discussion and examination of alternative maps is over seems premature. It's a disservice to the people of Utah, to not consider a map that will ensure the fairest representation.

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Subject: Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop

Dear Representative:

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The basic problem with a non-elected redistricting commission is the base philosophy. The Progressive Era in American history provided a philosophical change of attitude toward government. The Founders had faith in lay government – man's ability to govern himself. The Progressive Era argued for governing of the people by experts whose work would seemingly be based on science. (Of course, this was the Era when Communism was also the daring, new government philosophy, but I digress.) Resorting to so-called experts has produced massive national bureaucracies such as the EPA (always right even when state DEQ scientists prove their data flawed), the SEC (experts about Wall Street), the Federal Reserve Board (experts about money), and the NLRB (experts about keeping jobs from going to South Carolina), and so on and so forth.

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>>> "Keven Stratton, Sutherland Institute" <kstratton@sutherlandinstitute.org> 10/11/11 14:35 >>>

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by Mr. Ferrell sell for up to \$600 per person, but we have space in this session

- free - for the first 10 people who respond to this email.

This is an all-day session that goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sutherland's offices (307 West 200 South, Suite 5005, in Salt Lake City).

Reserve your seats by contacting me via email [mailto:kstratton@sutherlandinstitute.org] or calling Lisa at 801-355-1272. When you call, please mention this email. Priority will be given to couples.

Cheers!

Keven Stratton

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P.S. Click here or see bottom of this email for more information about this session.

Redistricting: Why Utah
Ought to Carve Up Salt Lake

Here is my advice to the state Legislature on redistricting: Carve up Salt Lake City and dilute the more liberal parts of Salt Lake County.

I say this as a conservative, as someone who works each and every day to protect the cause of freedom. I don't say this to disrespect or diminish in any way the personal political feelings of residents in those areas.

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Reality Squashes Farmer's
Plan to Hire Local Labor

With unemployment hovering around 9 percent, some have argued that if we could just "deal with" (read: "round up and ship out" or "starve out") undocumented immigrants, there would be enough jobs to go around. After all, they're taking up jobs that citizens would be happy to do, right? Well, not exactly.

While enforcement-only measures are often touted as job-creating legislation, the reality is that there are jobs out there that most Americans simply will not do.

John Harold, a Colorado farmer, found this out the hard way.

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Can Foster Excellence in Teaching

Imagine a high-performing teacher in Ogden School District. This teacher takes the time to work individually with her struggling students and lets them know she cares about them. She knows the material she teaches backward and forward and has shown an amazing capacity to teach it in ways that connect with and captivate her students.

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Utah's Fuel Act:
Helping Gas Stations at Your Expense?

Many people - citizens and lawmakers - would think it ridiculous for government to prohibit R.C. Willey from giving away hot dogs and soda Saturday mornings as an enticement for passers-by to look at furniture.

For some reason, though, many of these same people do not object to a law that forbids gas stations from giving similar direct discounts to Utahns on gasoline.

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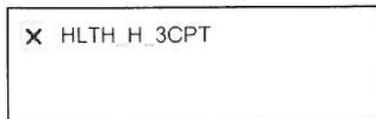
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SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Democrats issued a challenge and invitation to Republican legislative leadership today. Speaking on behalf of all Utahans, party chair Jim Dabakis challenged the majority party to pledge to "OPEN ALL" of their discussions about redistricting and to seek a bipartisan solution for the Congressional maps.

"Tuesday was a fiasco. It was a waste of taxpayer dollars, and it showed the dirty underbelly of politics and an intensely partisan process," stated Dabakis this morning. "No more secrets, no deals, no trade-offs in the closed Republican caucus rooms. No more last minute maps whipped up behind closed doors without involving the public."

"We have two weeks. Let's open the closed doors! Unafraid of the light, Democratic meetings, caucuses, and conversations are open to the public---on behalf of all Utahans we implore that Republicans join us in letting the public watch Utah's business be conducted," Dabakis said. "Let's rise above the partisan bickering and develop a truly bipartisan map. One that represents communities. One that represents Utah. Utah deserves better. As leaders, we must do better."

On air, Dabakis reiterated that the Democrats are willing and want to work with Republicans and the public to develop a congressional map. He also reaffirmed the Senate and House Democrats' call from Tuesday that insisted any map brought before the legislative bodies must first be brought to the public.

"Utah expects Democrats and Republicans to work together in an open and transparent process. Lets sit down and develop a bipartisan map. We can do better, we must do better. How amazing would it be for Utah to lead the nation in an open and fair redistricting process? If Utah Republicans and Democrats work together, we could inspire bipartisanship across the country and end the national stalemate. We will renew voters' faith in their elected leaders."

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