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To the Members of the Colorado Reapportionment Commission:

We are writing as concerned Latino citizens from Greeley, CO regarding the boundary lines for House District 50.

From 2000 to 2009, Weld County's Latino population grew from 48,930 to 70,207, and much of that growth occurred in Greeley and Evans. Although we are still waiting for official 2010 Census data for Weld County (due to be released in September), it is clear that Greeley's Latino community has been growing consistently. This trend makes it that much more important that we achieve representation in local and state government that reflects our community's specific needs.

Because of the significant increase in Greeley's Latino population, we are clearly a community of interest in local and state politics. There are currently 4,263 registered Latino voters in high-density Latino precincts in House District 50, concentrated primarily in Greeley's north and east sides, and in Evans.

With this level of significance, and knowing our community will only continue to grow as the general population grows and we work to engage more Latino voters in our neighborhoods, we need to have the possibility of electing a State House candidate who we feel represents us. It is critical, therefore, that the majority of Greeley's Latino voters be able to vote in the same House District.

As you make impactful decisions about how Greeley's House District 50 lines are redrawn, it is imperative that Greeley's north- and east-side precincts, along with heavily-Latino precincts in Evans, be kept together in a single House District voting bloc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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