

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Dear Reapportionment Committee,

We regret not attending to testify in person and we were concerned to hear that the hearings would only take place in Denver. However, we do appreciate that you are including the option to submit letters for those not able to travel.

We reside in House District 47 and would appreciate if the commission would look closely at the number of house districts in Pueblo County. It makes most sense to us that a portion of the eastside of Pueblo remains part of House District 62 in order to satisfy the Voting Rights Act and the rest of the city of Pueblo remain as HD 46, thus respecting city boundaries. We would propose that HD 47 be redrawn to remain completely within Pueblo County and take up the area that is currently HD 60. We believe that Pueblo County should have the fewest possible house districts in order to receive the best representation possible. Other counties in this region should be kept whole as it gives counties with already limited resources one state legislative contact point with whom to advocate. This entire region will be better represented if county integrity is kept in mind as much as possible when drawing both House and Senate districts.

Furthermore, we would like to see the concentration of Latino representation in HD 46 remain the same and, if possible, increase in HD 47. It is critical, as we have never had state legislative representation anywhere close to matching our population. We trust that close attention will be paid to not diluting the number of Latinos in any of the House or Senate districts in this region. It is our hope that the Reapportionment Committee will maximize our Latino population across all of our House and Senate districts whenever possible.



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