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Colorado Reapportionment Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado respectfully disagrees with the proposed House Plan redistricting map approved by the Commission on July 19, 2011. We, two republicans and one democrat, and our respective local political parties are in agreement that the proposed redistricting is not consistent with the requirements of the Colorado Constitution and Statutes.

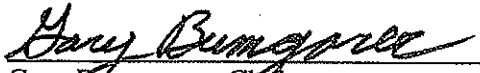
While Gilpin County, Clear Creek County and Grand County are similar as required by Article 5, Section 47(3) of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, we, all three counties, are quite different from Boulder County. Grand County is not similar to Boulder County at all. Grand County has a resort, ranching and mining based economy; Boulder County does not. Grand County is a member of the Colorado River Water Conservancy District; Boulder County is not. Grand County is a member of the Middle Park Water Conservancy District; Boulder County is not. Grand County is a member of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments; Boulder County is not. Grand County is located in the State Highway District 3; Boulder County is not. Grand County is a member of Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc.; Boulder County is not.

Grand County citizens do not trade in Boulder County, nor are they treated by doctors in Boulder County. Grand County is in a different All-hazards Region through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment than Boulder County. There is no direct route to Boulder County, and in the winter, oftentimes, it is not possible to even get from Grand County to Boulder County. Almost 57% of the residents of Boulder County, ages 25+, during the period of 2005-2009, had a Bachelor's degree or higher. In Grand County, the percentage is less than one-half of that number. The median value of a home in Boulder County is almost \$100,000.00 more than in Grand County. By percentage, there are fewer minority residents in Grand County than

in Boulder County. These numbers may be skewed slightly as a result of the city of Boulder being excluded from the proposed new district. Overall, Grand County has essentially no community of interest with Boulder County.

We request that the proposed map be redrawn and that Grand County be included in a district with other west slope counties.

Respectfully,



Gary Bumgarner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners of
the County of Grand, State of Colorado