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House Finance Committee
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

We are writing to you today to urge your support of HB17-1220. We are a rural county located in Southeast Colorado with a population of roughly 3,500 people. We have one of the lowest assessed valuations in the state, and lack the resources to keep up with the increase in illegal grow operations we are seeing in our county.

Last fall, Crowley County was one of five counties involved in a massive raid by the DEA that yielded over 22,000 pounds of illegal marijuana that was going to be sold out-of-state. Much of this marijuana was being grown illegally in homes throughout the region, including many here in Crowley County. We strongly believe that establishing a statewide cap on the residential growing of marijuana will give our local law enforcement a better handle on these increased illegal activities and make our communities safer.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Chair, Crowley County Board of Commissioners

cc: Rep. KC Becker
Rep. Cole Wist
Eric Bergman, Colorado Counties, Inc.