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HB26-1038 County Commissioner Redistricting

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Carolyn Boller For themselves	<p>To all Committee members,</p> <p>I write in support of HB26-1038. As a member of a non-partisan commissioner redistricting committee under the law previous passed, I totally support the changes made in this legislation. In my experience with the previous law, the County Commissioners submitted some guidelines--such as how many proposals to submit, timelines, public hearings, and provided neutral staff, with the required legal information. But it was the Committee who did the work, made the recommendations,drew the lines, ensured balance of 5% between districts. At no time did the county commissioner reach out--give input--attempt to influence the decisions or work of -the committee did the work--not the county commissioners. This bill takes out the politics and reinforces work by citizens for their representation.. This bill applies to counties who vote by district for their representatives--so not every county will have this process.</p> <p>This proposal creates a neutral approach to redistricting and includes the citizens who will be represented by the new district.</p> <p>I ask you to support this bill in committee and on the floor.</p>

<p>Diana Holland For themselves</p>	<p>I am in support of HB 26-1038. I served on the Arapahoe County Redistricting Advisory Committee. I believe that establishing a County Redistricting Commission instead of an Advisory Committee will strengthen the process and encourage even greater public participation. It also puts the process in alignment with the Colorado Redistricting Commission. We considered competitiveness when drawing the County Commissioner Districts, based on reviewing the performance in various past election races. However, we did not have the benefit of having the competitiveness formula as defined in HB 26-1038, which will improve the data to be utilized by County Redistricting Commissions. Please vote for approval of HB 26-1038.</p>
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