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Statement from the Weld County Board of Commissioners

WELD VOTERS GIVE DIRECTION TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Board of County Commissioners respects the vote of Weld County residents – the people have spoken and moving forward with the 51st State idea is not something that as a Board of Commissioners we will pursue. The process worked as the process was designed: residents brought forward a concern about an issue, the Board put forth a possible solution to that concern to the voters and the voters gave their direction to us - their elected officials.

This Board of Commissioners will continue, however, to work on the issues brought forth during the past several years regarding legislation that negatively impacts residents of Weld County. In fact, last week we extended an invitation to the Governor to participate in listening sessions throughout the county and hear first-hand the concerns of county residents. We are also working with fellow counties on moving forward the Phillips County proposal which aims to provide fair representation for residents throughout the state whether you are in an urban or a rural area.

Last night's vote was but one part of an ongoing dialogue between residents and government. It is not the last word, rather the start of a new chapter.

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