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### **Colorado Women's Alliance Supports Referenda Y & Z**

The Colorado Women's Alliance supports Referenda Y & Z – Creating an independent commission to draw congressional and legislative boundaries.

The current system of drawing boundaries for congressional and legislative districts has resulted in illogical borders, often created merely to keep seated representatives within the districts from which they were elected. These very legislators, to this point, have been responsible for determining the boundaries. Referenda Y & Z would create an independent commission to work on logical boundaries thereby eliminating, or at least lessening, the opportunity for party cronyism.

Creating logical boundaries, rather than gerrymandering for specific political gain, would ensure open competition for candidates wanting to run for office. We feel this open competition will lead to less polarization within communities, and force a broader policy discussion on issues during campaigns.

Once elected, we feel that legislators will be more inclined to work across the aisle on important issues, resulting in real solutions to the issues most important to all voters

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