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Senator Jeanne Nicholson, Chair
Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol Building, SCR 353
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Re: HB 13-1250 "*Concerning The Administration Of County Powers To Maintain The Landscape*"

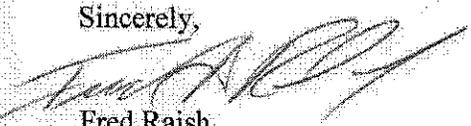
Dear Senator Nicholson and Members of the Senate Local Government Committee,

As the chair of the Colorado Weed Management Association (CWMA) Legislative Committee, and on behalf of CWMA's 300 members, I would like to make known CWMA's support of HB 13-1250.

HB 13-1250 will allow local government noxious weed and pest programs to become more effective and efficient. By passing HB 13-1250 local governments will be allowed to have one program that can accomplish numerous tasks under Colorado Revised Statutes 35-4 and 35-5.5. HB 13-1250 will allow current programs to expand to help fulfill the requests and needs of the citizens within the local government's program boundaries. Invasive species, such as Leafy spurge and Canada thistle, have become one of the largest impacts on Colorado's landscape. HB 13-1250 will allow local governments to continue to control invasive species with efficiency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Fred Raish

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Legislative Committee, Chair