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Ms Olivia C. Bedford
Arizona House of Representatives
Capitol Complex
1700 W. Washington
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Dear Representative Miranda,

I write to you as a concerned Democrat disturbed by the lack of representation by some of Arizona's County Boards of Supervisors to the voters. This is especially evident in counties that have only three supervisors.

Here in Santa Cruz County two of our Supervisors recently acted independently of the expressed will of their constituents, the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the outline of the adopted Comprehensive Development Plan. An additional two Supervisors may not satisfy all of my concerns regarding smart growth and balance but greater representation could allow more direct dialog between the voters and the Supervisors.

I am confident similar situations exist in those other counties that have only three supervisors. Santa Cruz County at least has a small area. Navajo and Apache Counties, for example, cover huge and very diverse territories and cultures. Three Supervisors cannot possibly reflect all of the interests of the voters in those counties.

Rep. Marion McClure is working to navigate a measure through the Legislature that will permit voters through a referendum process to at least raise the question of representation for all voters of a county to decide. Please support her in her efforts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Michael
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cc: Rep. Marion McClure