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STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Director of Research and Technical Activities Project No. E-34 Governmental Accounting Standards Board 401 Merritt 7, PO Box 5116 Norwalk, CT 06856-5116

RE: Proposed Changes to GASB Statement Nos. 25 and 27

Dear Director:

Stillwater County would like to express its desire to not implement the proposed changes to the Pension and Financial Reporting standards as presented. We feel that the requirements imposed would place an undue financial burden upon small local governments like Stillwater County, in both time and tax dollars.

The additional information on the pensions would not provide useful information to the users of our financial statements as most information is to be based on estimates and expectations and would not be able to measure future changes in the economy or environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STILLWATER COUNTY

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Senator Jon Tester

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