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Darren Creutz and **Jesse Peterson*** (jesse.d.peterson@vanderbilt.edu). *Character rigidity for lattices and commensurators.*

We prove an operator algebraic superrigidity statement for homomorphisms of irreducible lattices, and also their commensurators, from certain higher-rank groups into unitary groups of finite factors. This extends previous work regarding non-free measure-preserving actions, and also answers a question of Connes for such groups. (Received July 29, 2014)