

**Senate Transportation & Energy**

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**HB23-1210 Carbon Management**

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Ellen Schmidt  Against  themselves	I Oppose this bill  It is unequal treatment. The bill states "carbon management projects, EXCEPT for agricultural, forestry, and enhanced oil recovery projects, are eligible for money under the industrial and manufacturing operations clean air grant program..." Lots of energy to compress CO2 and reinject it into the ground, the net effect is likely natural at best.



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Colorado General Assembly  
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Denver, CO 80203

## Re: Support HB23-1210 Carbon Management (Rep. Dickson / Sen. Hansen)

Chairwoman Winter, Vice Chair Priola, and Members of the Committee:

For more than 30 years WRA has worked alongside non-profit allies and in partnership with Colorado state legislators, regulators, agencies, and the Governor's office to craft smart policy solutions to address climate change. We support policies that help to drive down greenhouse gas emissions, that improve our air quality, that protect the health of our river systems, wildlife, and drinking water, and that support our communities.

Today we write in support of Sen. Hansen's HB23-1210, Carbon Management measure, as amended.

WRA works to reduce carbon emissions in line with the best science and advocates for investments in clean energy technologies. We understand the need to study a variety of technological solutions needed to help ensure Colorado is making progress on its climate goals.

We must ensure that as these new avenues are explored that Colorado is prioritizing health and safety, and not extending reliance on fossil fuels. In doing this we must also evaluate the full lifecycle of emissions of carbon capture and other carbon reduction technologies, which requires tracking of direct emissions data from projects that involve combustion. It is also important to ensure the process for developing a carbon management roadmap includes sufficient opportunity for stakeholder input, with prioritization of community and health protections. We appreciate the sponsor's willingness to revise the proposal to include safeguards for health and safety, evaluating the risks of extending the life of fossil fuel infrastructure and co-pollutants, and considering impacts to communities, with a focus on reducing impacts to disproportionately impacted communities.

This bill is a good next step in our state's efforts to continue explore avenues to reduce carbon emissions and move towards a decarbonized economy. We thank Rep. Dickson for bringing this bill forward and House Energy and Environment Committee Members for your consideration. We urge you to vote "yes" on HB23-1210.

Sincerely,

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