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Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

The City Council of the Golden is expressing a position of support on a slate of bills that will directly address affordable housing within Colorado. These bills are:

- HB22-1282 “The Innovative Housing Incentive Program”
- HB22-1287 “Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents”
- HB22-1304 “State Grants Investments Local Affordable Housing”
- SB22-159 “Revolving Loan Fund Invest Affordable Housing”
- SB22-160 “Loan Program Resident-owned Communities”

These bills would advance the ability of the City of Golden to reach its goals, stated through Council’s adopted Strategic Action Plan and Legislative Policy Statement. Golden has an express interest in maintaining a community that is vibrant, safe, *affordable*, and has a high quality of municipal services, and the Council believes that his bill would help the City to achieve its goals.

The City of Golden has worked to directly address the need for affordable housing in our community through supporting the efforts of mobile home park residents to purchase their park. However stronger purchase rights are needed, and the residents need more protections. The rents in one park increased by over 50% in one year, putting them at risk of loss of their homes. We are working locally and regionally to create affordable housing developments that would reduce the housing costs burden on residents. Golden has hired a housing policy coordinator and these state law changes will give us the tools we need to move forward. These bills would help Golden, the county, and the state, meet the needs of all residents by encouraging equitable access to a secured place to live.

The Golden City Council strongly supports House Bills 1282, 1287, 1304 and Senate Bills 159 and 160. We urge you to support these bills through the committee review process and the general floor votes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

JJ Trout

District 1 Councilor, Mayor Pro-Tempore

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Senate Finance

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jo Feder For League of Women Voters of Colorado, Legislative Action Committee	Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee My name is Jo Feder and I am testifying in Support of SB22-159 Revolving Loan Invest Affordable Housing as a member of the League of Women Voters of Colorado's Legislative Action Committee. The League believes it is an important basic human needs are met. Providing a transformational affording housing revolving loan fund program is one important step in meeting Affordable Housing as defined at or below 120% of the area median income of households in that size in the county in which housing is located be it rental or home ownership. Many people who need Affordable Housing do not qualify for traditional loans. This bill will help provide financial support to unserved or under serviced population. Thank you for your consideration of my support for this bill. Sincerely, Jo Feder League of Women Voters of Colorado Legislative Action Committee