



April 2022

To: Senate Business, Labor, Technology Committee

Re: SB22-163—Procurement Equity

Dear Committee Members,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Colorado is a state of small businesses, many of them woman-owned. Yet the state disparity study report showed that the state has not utilized these businesses in proportion to the number that could, and should, be selected for state contracts. Now is the time to give these businesses a fair chance in the procurement process, and SB163 is a good step in that direction.

AAUW Colorado strongly supports this bill and requests a YES vote in committee and throughout the process in becoming law.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

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