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HB25-1175 Smart Meter Opt-In Program

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Gary Hodges For themselves	<p>I support this bill because I am opposed to requiring customers to opt-out. In a nutshell I view smart meters as an invasion of privacy that allows (or will ultimately allow) utilities to dictate/control energy usage of consumers. Energy is everything. Good policy strives to expand generation capacity to match what the public demands, not restricting usage. There is no such thing as a wealthy, low energy, country. Germany has followed the "smart meter" low energy path with well-documented disastrous results. Let's choose the path of wealth for Colorado, not a declining economy like Germany has sadly chosen.</p>
Zoily Galloay Amend themselves	<p>I am a woman from Longmont who has a real disability that is recognized by the Federal Access Board called Electromagnetic Radiation Syndrome. My disability is akin to chemical sensitivities and peanut allergies in that I develop debilitating and life-threatening medical conditions when exposed to electromagnetic fields.</p> <p>A smart meter was placed on my house last August, 2024, after which I developed over two dozen life-threatening health conditions, including convulsions, heart palpitations, peripheral neuropathy, and more. I was forced to flee my house and have been homeless for the last eight months with a debilitating medical condition as a direct result of the electromagnetic fields from this smart meter. My utility company denied me disability accommodations/modifications. I'm paying for a mortgage for a house which I cannot enter without developing disabling symptoms. I cannot afford to pay to rent an apartment and a mortgage at the same time, nor can I enter my house to pack my belongings to leave. How cruel the City of Longmont has been toward me in denying me my life and my property.</p> <p>Utility companies, including small municipal utility companies, usually do not honor the American with Disabilities Act, even if they claim they do on their website. By placing a smart meter onto a household/apartment without the owner's/renter's consent can and does cause extreme harm to occupants with my disability/medical condition. A utility company cannot know if someone inside has a disability and/or medical condition that will be affected by their product, nor do they ever ask or care before forcing these smart meters on a woman's or man's property.</p> <p>These smart meters pose a threat to an already vulnerable disabled community. It can take years before I potentially win a court case to have my smart meter removed.</p>

	<p>This leaves disabled women and men, such as myself, in a vulnerable situation without a secure roof over my head, even though I own a home.</p> <p>This bill needs to pass, but it needs to be amended to include ALL utility companies. The definition needs to be re-worded to specify that women and men can choose to have an "Electromechanical analog meter", which means a purely electric and mechanical device, using no electronic components, no switch mode power supply, no transmitter, no antenna, and no radio frequency emissions. The bill need to ensure that there are no upfront or periodic fees associated with choosing an Electromechanical analog meter.</p> <p>From firsthand experience I can say that anything contrary to this is unethical and moral.</p>
<p>Susan McDonald For themselves</p>	<p>Smartmeters are dangerous. Not only the standard smartmeters but the "opt-out" versions. You will put immune compromised persons, children, elderly at risk.</p> <p>Why are we more concerned about criminals rights than the average citizen (the child rape bill)? Our population is so sick and it's time to focus on common sense again. Give the citizens, that you represent, more rights over their bodies. That's your job. You support abortion, you support our right to prevent our homes from being a 5g tower. This is a no-brainer.</p>
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<p>Jeany Rush For themselves</p>	<p>TO: HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>RE: HB25-1175 Smart Meter Opt-IN Program</p> <p>Sponsor: Lieder</p> <p>FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent</p> <p>VOTE: YES</p> <p>IN SUPPORTING THIS BILL, I FEEL I WANT TO SHARE SOME COMMENTS, DATA COMING FROM A MULTITUDE OF SOURCES. BOTTOM LINE, WE HAVE OPENED ONE PANDORA'S BOX TOO MANY IN THE CAUSE OF PSEUDO EXPEDIENCY!</p> <p>Why is everyone rushing us into the AI driven, hyper technological world without really knowing what the long-term effects are on us Humans! It does not make sense, except we are not being listened to when we stand up, speak out, and show</p>

	<p>up to voice our concerns. Thank you for bringing forth a bill that honors the People paying the bills, and receiving all of the impacts, of fast-track technology.</p> <p>We should absolutely have a right to deny smart meters, and further, WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY A MONTHLY FEE OR OTHERWISE TO OPT OUT. Full disclosures are not, and were not made as to the potential dangers, damages to people. Here are a few I found:</p> <p>“They all emit pulsed RF radiation, have enormous problems and issues: Health impacts are huge - many people are becoming ill after meter installation, with symptoms including severe dizziness, heart rhythm disturbances, high blood pressure, memory problems, insomnia, tinnitus/hearing buzzing, ear pain, agitation, ...</p> <p>These Smart Meters have a number of problems: They regularly "pulse" extremely high levels of RF microwave radiation anywhere from once every few seconds to once every few minutes. This pulse continues all day and all night and interferes with the body's ability to repair cells and DNA damage while you sleep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to government data, 4.3 million smart meters weren't working properly by March 2024.• Lamech (2014) noted the most frequently reported symptoms as a result of exposure to smart meters were: (1) insomnia; (2) headaches; (3) tinnitus; (4) fatigue; (5) cognitive disturbances; (6) dysesthesias (abnormal sensation); and (7) dizziness. The effects of exposures on people's lives were said to be significant. <p>WHY ARE MILLIONS OF SMART METERS FAULTY IN THE UK:</p> <p>According to data from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), 4.31 million smart meters in the UK aren't working correctly, leading to reporting and billing errors from suppliers.”</p> <p>WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG HERE? IT'S A HARD YES FOR THIS BILL TO AVOID THE POTENTIAL HARM TO US ALL.</p>
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