

## Senate Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources

## SB21-249 Keep Colorado Wild Annual Pass

## Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

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<p>Ellen Lana</p> <p>For</p> <p>Patagonia</p>	<p>Thank you Chair Donovan and Committee Members.</p> <p>My name is Ellen Lana. I am the Environmental Activism Coordinator at Patagonia Denver and am asking for your support for SB21-249.</p> <p>I have lived in Colorado for over 3 years and was initially drawn here by this state's unmatched landscapes and abundant wildlife. Over the past few years, I have been lucky enough to explore many of our 42 state parks with friends and coworkers and am grateful for the opportunity to advocate for these special places.</p> <p>Colorado's state parks and outdoor recreation are fundamental to our way of life, our economy, and draw folks into this great state. Tourists coming to experience the Rocky Mountains, Foothills, and our unique array of wildlife contributed \$24.2 billion to our economy in 2019 and the tourism industry supports more than 180,000 jobs in our state.</p> <p>As a member of the Outdoor Industry, Patagonia understands our future as a business relies on wild spaces and equitable access to the experiences they hold. We are committed to protecting wild landscapes and ecosystems for generations to come, including Colorado's 200 at-risk species of plants and animals. Losing at-risk species and degrading these critical landscapes will forever alter our ecosystems and the integral magnetism of our great parks.</p> <p>It is imperative that Colorado's 42 state parks remain well-maintained. It is equally critical that access to these parks become equitable to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy these remarkable spaces.</p> <p>Please support SB21-249. Thank you.</p>

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<p>Marsha Porter-Norton</p> <p>For</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Good afternoon Sirs and Mesdames:</p> <p>I am a County Commissioner from the Western Slope and am in strong support of SB21-249. Each of Colorado's 42 State Parks are valued treasures and we are home to one, Navajo State Park. We share this Park with New Mexico and it includes Navajo Lake, stunning camping spots and hiking trails.</p> <p>State Parks have long been in need of more funding to help with skyrocketing visitor numbers. Importantly, this new source of funding allows CPW to work on wildlife habit, trail stewardship, species conservation and regional partnerships.</p> <p>This new source of revenue will help my county as we continually look to expand sustainable but sensible outdoor recreation which brings 1,000 of jobs to our county. In our case, we have two additional State Parks nearby including Mancos and Lone Cone State Parks. Many visitors go to all three. Thus, bolstering our State Parks has a regional economic and ecological benefit.</p> <p>I think this reasonable fee is a sensible way to fund things that the vast majority of Coloradoans care about and that is our land, air, water and wildlife resources.</p> <p>I stand with my fellow Commissioners from Counties and Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) who supports this bill, and with many of my Colorado Counties, Inc. colleagues. CCI is monitoring this bill.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Marsha Porter-Norton La Plata County Commissioner 970-382-6215</p>
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