

WESTERLY CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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February 10, 2025

Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee
Colorado House of Representatives
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Members of the House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee,

The Westerly Creek Metropolitan District (District) provides water and sanitation, transportation safety, parks and recreation, television, relay and translation and mosquito control to residents and property owners of our thirty-two (32) square mile service area in northeast Denver, filling the gaps in services not provided by the City and County of Denver.

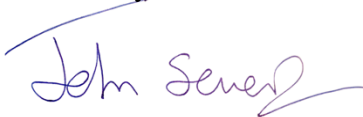
We ask you to **AMEND** House Bill 25-1112. The bill if enacted will reduce vital funding for District operations by allowing judges to waive past due specific ownership taxes. The District operates its more than 1,400 acres of open space and 600 lane miles of roads and alleys with \$1.9 million, property tax revenue and \$3.9 million in specific ownership tax revenue each year. Any waiver of specific ownership tax revenue will result in reduced revenues for the District at a time when the state legislature has already enacted measures to reduce our property tax revenue.

The bill if adopted would allow people to just forge paying their car registration and then if they ever get caught creating a get out of jail free card, in the courts authority to waive the past due specific ownership tax. This is neither fair or equitable. Moreover, by allowing the courts to waive past due specific ownership taxes, you are allowing the courts to reduce revenues to local governments like ours.

I am asking that you amend the bill to remove the provisions allowing the courts to waive past due specific ownership taxes. We have no concerns with the waiver of past due registration fees, or the provisions related to municipal motor vehicle enforcement. Our only concern is with the waiver of specific ownership fees.

Please amend the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Seward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jack Seward
Vice President