

**Senate Transportation & Energy**

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**SB25-286 Petroleum Products Fees & Penalties**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
<p>Kevin Cross For Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate</p>	<p>Dear Members of the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee -</p> <p>I am providing this testimony on behalf of the Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate (CCLC). The CCLC is composed of 54 organizations across the state of Colorado dedicated to developing and advocating for policies that reduce greenhouse gas pollution to levels supportive of a livable climate.</p> <p>The CCLC championed HB25-1277 to increase transparency into the impact of fossil fuels through labeling in our legislation committee last summer, and we recently voted unanimously to support it. We view this bill as a relatively small but important step to raise Coloradans’ awareness of the harm caused by burning fossil fuels, such as the gasoline used in lawn equipment and cars. There are economical alternatives to gas-powered lawn equipment and cars, and the more encouragement we can give people to make the switch to electric powered lawn equipment and cars, the better.</p> <p>I was recently looking at the climate risks for my house shown on the Redfin website. My house is located near downtown Fort Collins, and I was feeling pretty good about the risks associated with fire, flooding, and wind. Those are all designated by Redfin as “MINIMAL” for my house. Then I got to the part about air quality, and saw that that is a “MAJOR” risk. Redfin estimates that there will be 13 poor air quality days in my neighborhood this year. And I know that comes primarily from people driving gas-powered vehicles and all the oil and gas development to the east of where I live.</p> <p>This information about the poor air quality in my neighborhood helped bring the climate crisis home for me. We need to stop blithely burning fossil fuels for transportation and to make lawn care more convenient as if there were no tomorrow. Burning fossil fuel is an immediate problem, and it needs to start tapering down NOW. HB25-1277 will help motivate people – and our state as a whole – to act more urgently to kick the fossil fuel habit.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kevin Cross Convener Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate P.O. Box 672 Fort Collins, CO 80522 Ph. 970-484-3141 <a href="https://colivableclimate.org">https://colivableclimate.org</a></p>

	<p>The CCLC is a project of the Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future (NCALF), which is incorporated under section 501(c)3 of the IRS code.</p> <p>We adhere to all requirements applying to 501(c)3 organizations, including those related to political and commercial activity.</p>
<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: SENATE TRANSPORTATION &amp; ENERGY COMMITTEE                  RE: SB25-286 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FEES &amp; PENALTIES                  SPONSORS: HINRICHSSEN, SNYDER                  FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO SPRINGS CONSTITUENT 4-16-25                  VOTE: NO</p> <p>In keeping with this legislatures mantra' you keep creating more and more attacks on the oil and gas and coal industry, while peddling the "NOT SO CLEAN" renewables, or carbon pipelines, or nuclear "Options" for which you all have no real answers as to disposal, much less for what you claim is "CLEAN"which it all is not.</p> <p>We are possibly the most over-regulated State in the nation, and we certainly have done everything we can to discourage, sabotage, and outright destroy the reliable energy programs we have. Further, we in this body, keep imposing more and more fees, aka taxes, and other regulations, that go beyond even national regulations. Our attempt as a state to destroy real energy sources, which are here for hundreds and hundreds of years, by which time, we can, and possibly already do have options for much cleaner ways to produce energy.</p> <p>This bill is another attempt to create "death by a thousand cuts" to the already kicked in the BUTT energy programs and companies in this state.</p> <p>If the truth were really out in the public eye, that truth being that you have based your programs on a false narrative of green/aka Take Trillions from the People' programs are not reasonable. You will enrich third party lobby forces, anyone but the people of this state.</p> <p>If we had any real Grid emergencies, it would be those current sources which would be most needed, not the false green, or other more dangerous sources, which will not be reliable into the future.</p> <p>IT'S A NO FOR ME ON THIS EFFORT!</p>