

**Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources**

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**HB25-1023 Local Government Review of Fencing Projects**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
<p>Olga Mongelos Against themselves</p>	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Olga Mongelos, y soy residente de Boulder, CO.</p> <p>Estoy enérgicamente en contra del SB25-1023, porque permitiría que terratenientes privados—como el multimillonario dueño del Cielo Vista Ranch—bloqueen el acceso de comunidades a tierras que son cultural, histórica y espiritualmente significativas para muchas familias en el Valle de San Luis.</p> <p>Durante generaciones, estas tierras se han utilizado para el pastoreo, la recolección de leña y la conexión espiritual. Cercarlas no solo amenaza ese acceso, sino también nuestra herencia cultural, identidad y bienestar comunitario.</p> <p>Les pido que voten NO al SB25-1023.</p> <p>Nuestras tradiciones y derechos no deben ser borrados por el poder del dinero ni por cercas.</p> <p>Gracias.</p>
<p>Tracy Musgrove Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly oppose SB25-1023 because it would allow private landowners—like the billionaire owner of Cielo Vista Ranch—to block communities from accessing lands that are culturally, historically, and spiritually significant to many families in the San Luis Valley. For generations, these lands have been used for grazing, firewood gathering, and spiritual connection. Fencing them off threatens not just access—but our cultural heritage, identity, and community well-being.</p> <p>Fencing can also be detrimental to local wildlife by disrupting their natural habitats and migration patterns. Many species rely on open landscapes to graze, hunt, and move freely across large areas for food, shelter, and breeding. Barriers such as fences can block these essential pathways, leading to increased mortality rates as animals attempt to cross dangerous roads or become trapped in confined areas. Additionally, fences often fragment ecosystems, reducing biodiversity and hindering the natural flow of species within an environment. As we are already in the midst of the 6th mass extinction event we need to protect ALL wildlife and their habitats and migration routes.</p>

	<p>I urge you to please vote NO on SB25-1023.</p> <p>Our traditions and rights should not be erased by wealth and fences.</p>
<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: SENATE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES RE: HB25-1023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW OR CERTAIN FENCING PROJECTS SPONSORS: MARTINEZ, BACON, GONZALES, SIMPSON FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO SPRINGS CONSTITUENT 4-17-25 VOTE: NO</p> <p>Here we go again interjecting our legislature into something that should be resolved between the rancher, and their govt. entity (not the people in our legislature. We have mechanisms and too many federal agencies already violating our rights, our land management, and much more. Families like Hammonds, Bundy, and Maudes have been maligned, lied about, land literally stolen, and more unnecessary agendas brought forward.</p> <p>There is absolutely no more need for the over reach of this state into our personal affairs on so many levels. Basic rules is one thing, but insulting the ranchers that they will not do what is right? They were doing this before most of you all were born.</p> <p>The statement as to what is of statewide concern, is not real. You all are conducting our state on a statewide concern" concept that is detrimental to our freedom, and thriving. The whole habitat part is also a joke. This from a state that was stupid enough to bring in Wolves from another climate, and environment, and think no ranchers and other wildlife would be impacted in a negative way. "CONTROL" As to a requirement, it could all be discussed with the individual groups already in existence, and they know a lot better than any of you what is needed.</p> <p>Worse, you have once again, trespassed on our rights! Well lets just stay you have actually stampeded on our rights with the ABUSE of the safety clause, and thereby by-passing the voters, and people who should have a voice.</p> <p>Most of the bills you have passed need to be repealed, rejected, and thrown in the "COW" basket you have.</p>