

Hb 24-1330. Air Quality Permitting

Written testimony submitted by Tony Gagliardi, State Director, Colorado chapter, National Federation of Independent Business,

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

The National Federation of Independent Business is an 80-year-old, Not for Profit membership organization with approximately 300,000 dues paying members nationally and dedicated to making it possible for every individual to own, operate and grow their business free from over regulation by government. Our membership is comprised of small and independent businesses engaged in every industry imaginable and who have an average of 5-9 employees. On behalf of the over 6,000 members of NFIB Colorado I request you vote NO on Hb 24-1330.

No one can say Colorado citizens do not want clean air and water. However, Hb 24-1330, and other pending legislation attempting to shut down Colorado's energy industry are extreme and harmful to Colorado's school systems, support programs, and livelihoods of hundreds of small businesses that in one way or another depend on the health and support of Colorado's energy sector. Not to mention the thousands of jobs provided by industry.

Transitioning away from oil and gas requires significant infrastructure investments, technological advancements, and changes in consumer behavior. It must be understood, a shutdown of the oil and gas development prematurely could lead to energy shortages and disruptions.

When recently balloted, NFIB Colorado members opposed disruption to the oil and gas industry by over 90 percent.

Please vote NO on Hb 24-1330

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