



March 2024

To: House Finance Committee

Re: HB24-1221— Income Tax Credit for Eligible Teachers

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW recognizes that women make up a substantial percentage of Colorado's teachers, most of whom are dedicated to their students to such a degree that they often use their own funds to pay for classroom supplies, professional development costs, supplemental educational materials, field trips, and other items. In lieu of the salary increase they deserve, HB 1221 is a modest attempt to reimburse our teachers for the extras they routinely provide to their students--our children and grandchildren.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports HB24-1221 and requests your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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