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SCR26-001 Areas of Local Preemption

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Renee Larrarte Against Conservation Colorado	<p>Opposition Testimony on SCR26-001</p> <p>Good evening Chair and members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Renee Larrarte, Climate & Transportation Campaign Manager at Conservation Colorado and I'm here today in opposition to SCR-001.</p> <p>At its core, this resolution would give local governments sweeping authority to override state law across land use, transportation, energy, and infrastructure decisions. As a result, we feel this resolution goes too far in a way that would drive up household costs by making it much harder for Colorado to plan responsibly for growth.</p> <p>Transportation is the largest source of climate pollution in Colorado and the 2nd highest cost for households. How we grow directly shapes how much people have to drive and the amount of pollution in the air. Over the past several years, the state has taken important steps to encourage and build more housing near jobs and transit, reduce sprawl, and invest in cleaner transportation options. Those policies only work if they are applied consistently across the state's largest urban areas.</p> <p>SCR-001 would let jurisdictions opt out of progress, blocking transit-oriented development, new housing, and critical infrastructure like transit and clean energy, even when those projects serve regional needs. The result is more sprawl, longer commutes, higher emissions, and rising household costs.</p> <p>It would also create a patchwork system that ignores how transit, water, and energy networks actually operate across boundaries, making projects harder and more expensive to deliver.</p>

	<p>Colorado's future depends on coordination. We need local voices at the table, but we also need a shared statewide framework to ensure we can reduce pollution, build the housing we need, and invest in sustainable infrastructure. In doing so Coloradans will spend less on gas, car maintenance, and have cleaner air to breathe.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge a no vote on SCR-001.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
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