

Re: **SB26-1226 Emission Controls Electric Generation Units** – April 29, 2026

To: Senate Sponsors Mike Weissman Lisa Cutter
House Sponsors Jenny Willford Meg Froelich
Senate Transportation & Energy Committee Members:
Senators Lisa Cutter, Matt Ball, Mark Baisley, Marc Catlin, Tony Exum,
William Lindstedt, Kyle Mullica, Byron Pelton, Tom Sullivan

Thank you for the good work towards reducing the pollution in our communities and towards meeting emission goals to reduce climate change impacts on our neighbors.

I advocate for the reduction of emissions that are causing our communities to be polluted in the vast Denver/Front Range Severe Ozone Pollution Area, and for the reduction of emissions from burning fossil fuels that cause climate change and contribute to the Severe Ozone Pollution.

Background on the Severe Ozone Pollution - Denver/Front Range Non-Attainment area:

- More air pollution affects more people and costs our communities – in 2022 the bad air we breathe went from ‘serious’ to ‘severe’ according to the EPA and the State Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC).
- About 4 million people live and breathe the pollution in the Severe Ozone non-attainment area – about 80% of states population - 9 counties including: Denver, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Adams, Douglas, Boulder, Broomfield, Larimer, Weld.
- This pollution causes breathing problems, asthma, lung damage, cardiac issues, heart attacks, and premature deaths, and represents a terrible cost to our communities.
 - Colorado Fiscal Institute (CFI) in the 2023 Clearing the Air Report estimated additional health related costs and lost workdays in Colorado to range \$480 million-\$1 billion per year.
 - CFI in the 2026 Colorado Climate Damages and Adaptation Cost Report estimated historical Colorado costs attributable to excess heat (1999-2024) to be about \$200 million per year and estimated future expected heat related climate attributable death costs to range from \$730 million to \$830 million per year.
 - CFI in their 2026 report estimated that future Colorado expected climate related costs to be roughly \$1.5 billion per year.

As a private citizen I urge you to approve SB26-1226:

1. Emissions from fossil fuel burning electric generating units are causing pollution in our communities, adverse health impairment and massive health care costs for our neighbors, and adverse climate change costs.
2. Our communities deserve clean air and the business that generates electricity generate massive profits from our community.
3. Controlling these emissions is cost effective, just the right thing to do, and will create jobs for our communities.

Sincerely

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