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	<p>VOTE: NO</p> <p>Why are we creating a welfare state in Colorado? We already have welfare options for those in financial distress. We do not need another entity, FARE or other!</p> <p>Why is there too much "Footsy" played with the Utility Companies and the PUC (an unelected entity)?</p> <p>All of us are Income Qualified customers and all of us deserve decent rates! Is this another "Piggy Back" tactic to the recent occasional electric shutoff plans to parcel, ration out electric usage and Control who does what and when?</p> <p>Are we now officially entering a communist era rationing of our energy Usage? "Your attitude is noticed Komrade"</p> <p>Are we enabling more tracking of each user, so we can determine what and when is used and by whom?</p> <p>Whether you are a private or municipally owned utility, you have a job to do! Provide service to the citizens in your area, for which those citizens pay!</p> <p>Would all of you be doing better today if you did not, had not, shut down a lot of the working coal plants, without acceptable, reliable replacement plants to provide the services we need as a citizenry?</p> <p>We already need less centralized, and more local control to protect our energy usages. Do we need to replace you all?</p> <p>Our grid is already vulnerable, due to this short-sited reliance on China-components, and reduced energy production.</p> <p>The Commission does not need to create another Welfare Program, anymore than the Utility Companies do! What is needed is affordable, reasonable energy production, including dumping the unsustainable, unreliable, unaffordable "JOKE" that is wind, solar, solar battery fields, high-voltage transmission lines.</p> <p>What we need is coal, oil, natural gas, which is already available. We need to stop targeting our oil companies in Colorado.</p> <p>Then our rates will be affordable, and those in need will be able to receive public programs if needed. Further, the erroneous emissions, green agenda still used by Colorado, PUC, and more are completely destroying our real energy programs, and any reality needed to truly protect our communities!</p>
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April 2026

To: House Energy & Environment Committee

Re: AAUW SUPPORTS SB002--Energy Affordability

Dear 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 research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are AAUW members in local branches around the state.

AAUW has led the fight for economic empowerment for women, and we have made progress over the years. Yet women continue to face barriers in meeting basic needs for their families. Energy costs are a major issue for many, and SB002 offers an opportunity to help those facing the greatest need. A healthy economy depends on healthy families and SB002 is a step in the right direction.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports SB002 and urges your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hon. Su Ryden
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American Association of University Women--AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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