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To: House Business Affairs & Labor Committee  
Re: AAUW Supports SB133— Colorado Artist Companies

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 to reach our full potential. SB133 will give artists the ability to operate as a for-profit business along with the liability protection of a corporation. Owners will maintain their creative freedom as an individual artist, and will have a "safety net" for their intellectual property if the business ever closes.

SB133 will help artists, especially women, increase their lifetime earnings that will lead to a more secure retirement.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports SB133 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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