

**Written Testimony on behalf of
Colorado Citizens' Climate Lobby**

**House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee
SUPPORT - SB23-092: Agricultural Producers Use of Agrivoltaics**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to this committee. I am writing on behalf of Colorado Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on policies to address climate change. Colorado CCL strongly supports this legislation.

SB23-092 aligns with several of Citizens' Climate Lobby's policy priorities, including Natural Climate Solutions and Electrification. CCL believes that market-based policies can be efficient levers. We are encouraged to see Colorado considering the potential for carbon offset markets to mitigate emissions in the agricultural sector.

CCL volunteers work from a baseline of optimism. We believe that people are good, that democracy can work, that we can solve climate change together. SB23-092 is an optimistic policy choice.

Agrivoltaics and aquavoltaics offer a way for farmers and ranchers to add zero-carbon energy generation to productive agricultural lands, providing new revenue potential and more favorable growing conditions in a warmer climate. This is a win for producers, a win for consumers, and a win for climate.

If passed, SB23-092 will stimulate innovative production of renewable energy by farmers, ranchers, and water authorities, with a tax benefit provided for inventive designs and applications of this exciting new technology.

The grants will help farmers and ranchers generate renewable energy that can be used on-site or sold to their communities. This strengthens their balance sheet, while also letting them maintain their agricultural production and rural way of life.

We need more bipartisan legislation like SB23-092, where Democrats and Republicans from rural and urban areas of Colorado work together on solutions that benefit both the climate and our state's economy.

Colorado Citizens' Climate Lobby urges a YES vote on SB23-092. Thank you for serving Colorado, and for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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