

House Transportation, Housing & Local Government  
 04/25/2023 Upon Adjournment  
 HB23-1302 Housing Accessibility  
 Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Savannah Overturf For herself	<p>I'm writing to ask you to vote yes on HB23-1302 to increase the amount of accessible housing in Colorado. My name is Savannah Overturf. Me and my mother are both disabled and live in Low income housing. While our acccecibility needs are not always physical. I would like to talk about a situation from were I live. I had a upstairs neighnor who is deaf up untill about 4 months ago. She needed an acceible unit but the only unit in our low income appartment was occupied by a family who did not need that accomidation. during her time living here the accecible unit next to mine became avalibe but knowing she needed this accomidation the unit was quickly filled again by someone who once again did not need the equitment that she needed for her safety. In the long fun she had to move out to find housing. I hope that by requireing that housing developments to have at least 10% of units be accessible unit will help those like my nieghbor.</p>
Steven White For herself	<p>We are Seniors, being hurt by Inflation and Gentrification. Recently we were evacuated to a Hotel for 12 days because of an unhealthy condition at our complex not of our own causing. Which meant coming out of pocket for added expense food alone, because of no facilities on location to stretch our dollars.</p> <p>We were like refugees in our own town. There is more money being spent for housing than ever before, yet Denver housing is worse now than 40 plus years ago.</p> <p>We need a freeze on Seniors rent, becuse Seniors fixed income do not imatch rental increases, especially with utilities added on top of rent.</p> <p>We want you to vote yes on bill# HB23-1115 , which is local control of rent.</p>
Zoe Roberts For herself	<p>I support this bill as a sibling of a disabled individual and friend to the aging and disabled community. The Americans with Disability Act and Fair Housing Act have been law for 30+ years, and yet there is still a shortage of accessible housing. This bill would actualize the intention to provide accessible housing to our disabled community members.</p> <p>Individuals with disabilities face enough barriers to access as it is, I have seen it first hand with my sister. Housing is such a basic essential that a lack of options in this area impacts every area of someone's life.</p>

	<p>I will remind anyone who doubts this need that everyone deserves to have a safe place to live that matches their needs. Institutions and living with family cannot be the only options - my sister wants to live on her own and should be supported in doing so, but the lack of accessible housing is a barrier.</p> <p>The current point system has been inadequate in providing sufficient levels of accessible housing needed to match current and projected populations of aging Coloradans and people with disabilities.</p> <p>Please vote 'yes' on HB 1302 to increase the availability of accessible housing in Colorado and assure that people with disabilities get the proper accommodations during eviction proceedings.</p>
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