



April 26, 2023

House Finance Committee  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: SB23-280 Hazardous Material Mitigation

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Ann Sutton, living in Westminster CO. This testimony represents the Support of the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) for the bill to provide incentives and grants for replacement of older diesel trucks with newer trucks that have improved safety systems and lower emissions of greenhouse gases and other tailpipe pollutants.

The League supports measures to reduce vehicular pollution, including inspection and maintenance of emission controls, changes in engine design and fuel types; regulation and reduction of ambient toxic-air pollutants.

In this bill, we support the use of fees on the manufacture and distribution of fuel products in the state to fund grants for supporting safety projects related to fuel transport, especially in critically impacted communities including my home, Adams County, where several fuel terminals and depots are located.

We support the addition of registration fees on older model year Heavy-Duty diesel trucks to fund their decommission and replacement with newer models through the Diesel Truck Emissions Reduction grant program. In evaluating applications for these grants, the bill specifies priority be given to applications from Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DIC) and ozone nonattainment areas.

We support efforts to phase out the use of diesel vehicles for state projects in nonattainment areas and note that many communities that are DIC are co-located in ozone nonattainment areas, such as the Denver Metro/North Front Range.

LWVCO supports actions necessary to advance equity and justice in Colorado's systems and policies in issue areas aligned with League positions. Many actions in this bill are responsive to our concerns regarding Colorado's air quality and public health. We appreciate the Committee's careful consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

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**House Finance**

**05/01/2023 Upon Adjournment**

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**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Craig Bauer Against themselves	Diesel emissions are a shock for most to see, but the ideas represented by their "excess pollution" are unverified illegitimate mouthwork. Soot is merely carbon, carbon itself is fairly harmless, indeed, most of our very best plant soils are fortified with carbon. You think farmers burn their fields without reason? Indeed carbon dioxide is plant food and nitrogen emissions are as well. These glasses exiting our vehicles are not only relatively harmless, THEY ARE HELPFUL TO PHOTOSYNTHESIS. Clearly you have been misled into believing that oil/gas/coal are going to destroy everything, you're incorrect and it's incompetent of you to believe hype that has no basis in reality. I work in the automotive and diesel industry, your ideas are not congruent with mechanical feasibility and the products you intend to force consumers to purchase are junk intended to remove individual ability to own, operate and service. Back off this. Until there is a real viable power source, like nuclear fusion, we use coal/oil. Electric is literally more destructive to produce and not viable without feasible electric generation and most importantly, electron storage capacity.