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Senator Fenberg, Senator Holbert, Representative Garnett, and Representative McKean,

As the General Assembly enters the final weeks of the session, we want to highlight the bills that represent the greatest harm to Colorado's economy and business climate, and ask for your help in ensuring that these bills do not become law. Each would increase costs to residents and employers already burdened by 40-year record high inflation rates, and contribute to the erosion of Colorado's reputation as a place where employers are welcomed and their businesses able to thrive.

- HB22-1122, Pharmacy Benefit Manager Prohibited Practices: The legislation will increase insurance premiums for workers by increasing payments to pharmacies.
- HB22-1244, Public Protections From Toxic Air Contaminants: This bill continues to expand the authority of an unelected group by giving the Air Quality Control Commission the ability to regulate air pollutants that have not been identified as problematic by the Environmental Protection Agency. It makes Colorado laws more aggressive than other states' and creates administrative burdens and costs for a variety of industries who have industrial needs for various chemical compounds.
- HB 22-1287, Protections For Mobile Home Park Residents: Introducing rent control measures in one housing sector sets a dangerous precedent that could end with negative consequences for our entire housing market.
- HB22-1325, Primary Care Alternative Payment Models: This bill would empower the commissioner of insurance and executive director of HCPF to mandate a state-created model for an alternative payment method for primary care doctors, confounding insurers attempts to create models of their own. There are no clinicians employed by the division of insurance to assist them; these decisions should be left to the experts, who best know how to design benefits plans and control costs.
- HB22-1355, Producer Responsibility Program For Recycling: We have significant concerns about the legality of the framework of this new, unregulated nonprofit that mandates membership from certain Colorado businesses while levying undisclosed fees. The legislation will also increase the cost of consumer goods and significantly disadvantage Colorado businesses competing with out-of-state producers.
- HB22-1362, Building Greenhouse Gas Emissions: These proposed building codes will overlap and complicate existing building requirements; negatively impact the expedited development of affordable housing; and delegate regulatory authority to the Colorado energy office to create and enforce building codes for both residential and commercial properties, a function currently beyond their purview.
- HB22-1363, Accountability To Taxpayers Special Districts: This legislation would negatively impact Colorado's ability to provide affordable housing to its citizens by severely impeding the development of new residential communities through the creation of one-size-fits-all mandates

for cities and counties, rather than allowing them to tailor regulations based on individual community needs.

- HB22-1370, Coverage Requirements For Health-care Products: This bill would shift costs to Colorado's employers, increasing the cost of care for Colorado's employers and their employees an estimated \$120 per month for the average family of four. This bill limits choice and cost-control measures, restricting the ability of health plans to respond to the needs and goals of specific employer clients when designing their health benefits.
- SB22-230, Collective Bargaining For Counties: Collective bargaining will drive up costs for citizens and businesses through unfunded mandates, and rob local governments of local control. Employee strikes are not expressly prohibited and it is unclear what problem this legislation will solve.

The business community has said time and again that policy impacts our ability to do business. Please consider the economic health and success of Colorado's employers and employees as you determine your votes on these critical bills.



