



April 6, 2023

Dear Members of the Colorado General Assembly:

We are writing as members of municipal governing bodies directly elected by citizens (and as staff that supports elected officials) to work on local problems and opportunities to urge you to vote "no" on SB 23-213 and require the state and proponents of the bill to find solutions in partnership with municipal leaders and affordable housing advocates, as opposed to the collision course SB 213 puts the state on with one of Colorado's most core values - the principles of home rule and local control.

Last year, the Colorado Municipal League shared with Gov. Polis and his team that CML wished to work as partners to address the many common goals promoted by the administration, while engaging partners statewide and locally. We are disappointed that the response to CML and local officials was to instead determine in 2022 that 2023 legislation should trample local initiatives, create a patchwork application of preemptions, provide no guarantee that any housing bypassing local regulations would be affordable, and almost completely exempt urban development in unincorporated parts of counties.

Municipal leaders and planners do not build homes. Municipal leaders and planners plan. We know our communities and wish to continue to engage our partners to ensure a mix of housing that meets community and regional needs, creates and maintains livable places, promotes conservation, clean air and water, and honors Colorado's tradition of local solutions and decision making.

We ask you to oppose SB 23-213 as a means to ensure everyone has a seat at the table and that the state government is not picking winners and losers. We also strongly object to the monumental shift in DOLA's mission from a support agency to a regulatory agency.

Your "no" vote on SB 23-213 will signify your expectation that:

- Local governments continue to work to address any local issues that may make housing less available and affordable.
- Local governments will not use "home rule" and "local control" as a means to say "no," but rather continue to use them as powerful tools to address the statewide issues of housing affordability and availability.
- Local governments will partner with all groups that have a voice in housing issues, even those they may not always agree with.

My municipality prides itself on being a leader on meeting and exceeding the needs and challenges of our citizens. We know that statewide solutions come from partnerships and not

from preemptive shows of strength. We believe that these issues should create a win-win outcome and not win-lose.

There is a better way that is truly the “Colorado Way.” We urge your "no" vote on SB 23-213.

Sincerely,

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