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HB 22-1104

POWERLINE TRAILS

CML RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR “YES” VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO HB22-1104

Multiple Powerline Trails have been successfully constructed across the state, such as the Fort Collins Power Trail, Douglas County’s New East/West Regional Trail, Platte River by Thornton’s Pelican Ponds, Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail from Denver to Lakewood, and Loveland’s North Trail. They offer local governments, tourism offices, community advocates, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts a new way to utilize the pathway alongside transmission corridors. As transmission is built up across the state to accommodate our everchanging and growing energy needs, this is a way to further maximize the land potential and benefits of these corridors.

However, this bill as drafted codifies language suggested for contracts between transmission providers and local governments or landowners that is onerous and should be negotiated between these entities as a project moves forward.

CML is requesting the following amendments:

- **REMOVE** the language of suggested contractual provisions.
- **EXCLUDE** Municipal utilities from the requirements of the bill.
- **CLARIFY** in the notification section on page 10 that this is all with regards to the construction of a Powerline Trail, not simply any transmission line upgrade.

Currently, CML is in an **OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED** position, and we respectfully request your “yes” vote on amendments offered by the Sponsor in the House Transportation and Local Government Committee.