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House Transportation & Local Government Committee  
Colorado State Capitol  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to express our strong support for the following bills that are aimed to support low income residents of Colorado:

- HB 20-1196 Mobile Home Park Act Modernization
- HB 20-1201 Opportunity to Purchase

Eagle County's recreation-based economy creates a high cost of living, exacerbating the need for affordable housing. Approximately 6150 primary residence households (48% of renters and 29% of homeowners) in Eagle County currently pay more than 30% of their income on housing. This high cost of housing makes it difficult to pay for other critical needs such as child care, healthy food, education, recreation, health care, and transportation.

Mobile home communities represent a significant portion of Eagle County's private affordable housing stock — providing residents with a desired single-family lifestyle, a strong sense of community, and relative affordability. It is estimated that 15% of Eagle County residents and 7% of Eagle County youth reside in mobile homes. Two of the largest mobile home communities are located in unincorporated Eagle County (381 homes at Eagle River Village, and 100 homes at Dotsero Mobile Home Park) providing Eagle County Government with a unique opportunity to engage with community residents to better understand the needs in these communities and challenges they face.

The challenges mobile home communities in Eagle County face mirror those of other communities across Colorado. Residents of mobile home communities in Eagle County have voiced concerns regarding a lack of transparency around utility billing, interruptions in utility service, fear of retaliation and additional and unexpected fees. Conversely, Eagle County's mobile home park owners struggle to have meaningful communication with resident homeowners and effectively address disputes within their parks. An update to the Mobile Home Park Act (HB20-1196), in addition to Residents Opportunity to Purchase (HB20-1201), and Fees Charged to Tenants by Landlords (HB20-1141), will facilitate the much needed support required by both mobile home park landlords and tenants.

Eagle County has a vested interest in providing support to both the owners and residents of our mobile homes to ensure the safe and sustainable operations of mobile home communities.



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Residents of Eagle River Village and Dotsero Mobile Home Park are eager to understand their rights, organize community meetings and have representation. The passage of HB20-1196, HB20-1201, and HB20-1141 provide an important leverage point for Eagle County to support both our mobile home park residents as well as mobile home park owners.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner