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Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair and members of the committee thank you for your time today. I am Nicholas Colglazier, director of the Colorado Competitive Council, a statewide business organization made up of chambers of commerce, economic development organizations regional business alliances and businesses of major industry clusters in the state.

I am also here on behalf of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce whose 3000 members employ 300,000 workers. Together we want to ensure Colorado's business environment remains competitive so we can put Coloradans to work in really good jobs.

The Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce represents over 3000 large, medium and small employers in Colorado who combined employ over 300,000 employees.

The Colorado Competitive Council is a privately funded affiliate of the Denver Metro Chamber focused on maintaining and improving on the business climate throughout Colorado.

I'm here today to voice our opposition to House Bill 1030, because it undermines the delicate, and hard earned, balance of our labor status in Colorado.

Colorado is home to a unique and very intentional labor status called the Labor Peace Act that means employees have the freedom to organize as well as the right to refrain from organizing should we choose.

No other state has our unique model, which has been in Colorado law since 1943 and has worked effectively for our state for over 70 years now.

Like many things in Colorado, it's a middle ground between Right to Work and Labor Union. It's a compromise we recognize, but many others across the country do not, which we have struggled with.

However, under this unique model, Colorado has consistently ranked in the Top 10 of job creation, business climate, entrepreneurship and innovation. And in recent years has twice been named the place to do business by Forbes Magazine.

We maintain our support for the compromise of the Labor Peace Act and ask you to uphold it in Colorado.

We urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1030.