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House Finance

Laura Giocomo-Rizzo, Support Testimony for SB21-260

- Thank you, Madame Chair and members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide this written testimony today. My name is Laura Rizzo and I am the SVP of external affairs for the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. I am here today on behalf of the Chamber, our 3,000 members and their 400,000 employees, to express our support of Senate Bill 260
- Transportation funding is a huge priority for our members and has been a focus of our organization for almost 154 years.
- That's because a strong transportation system is central to a thriving economy and good quality of life. We have to be able to efficiently move people and goods to, through and around our state.
- And right now we're losing our competitive ground to our neighboring states because we haven't appropriately funded transportation and that leaves us with a system bogged down by congestion, disrepair and safety issues.
- We lose time, we lose money and we risk safety.
- We must do better. The Denver Metro Chamber supports transportation funding and we support SB 260.
- This legislation represents compromise, stakeholder input and includes concepts and studies to ensure we make smart and long-term investments in the future that consider where we are headed.
- We know this policy isn't perfect, but it is rooted in the reality of our situation today and it does effectively secure more of the funding we so desperately need in Colorado.
- This bill doesn't solve all our problems and we will continue advocate for more general fund investment in infrastructure

and longer-term, sustainable transportation funding solutions as we move forward.

- We ask for your support on SB 260.