

## HB22-1138 Reduce Employee Single-occupancy Vehicle Trip

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Testimony: Oppose

Good afternoon Madam Chair and fellow committee members. My name is Adam Burg, and I'm the vice president of government affairs at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. I am here today to express our organization's opposition to HB22-1138.

It was not all that long ago that Coloradans were faced with an abysmal new regulatory program known as the Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP). The proposed program was built on mandates, fines and a tangle of new regulations that strangled business and stifled economic growth.

Hundreds of employees, business leaders and associations raised their voices in opposition and Air Quality Control Commission ultimately withdrew the measure in late July.

While the Chamber stands in opposition to HB22-1138, the Chamber voted to support HB22-1026 – a similar bill that is based on incentives as opposed to mandates.

We firmly believe that clean commute mandates are a burden on employers at a time when many are struggling with increased costs due to inflation and supply chain problems, in addition to workforce shortages. Rather, we support incentivizing employers and employees to take other modes of transportation, such as the strategies proposed in HB22-1026 Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit.

Coloradans don't need more regulations or mandates. Coloradans need sound policy that sets forth a worthy goal and a way to achieve that goal that helps businesses as opposed to tying their hands.

Thank you for your time today and I am happy to take any questions.