



April 4, 2022

House Energy & Environment Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Re: HB22-1244 Public Protections from Toxic Air Contaminants

Dear Members of the House Energy & Environment Committee:

My name is Ann Sutton, living in Westminster CO. This testimony represents the position of the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) on the bill to control and reduce emissions of Toxic Air Contaminants through identification, data collection, and setting standards that are health-based.

We are pleased to support this bill ensuring air quality by regulation and reduction of pollution from stationary sources and regulation and reduction of ambient toxic air pollution.

Last year LWVCO supported HB-1189 **Public Health Protections in Relation to the Emissions of Air Toxics** that enhanced site monitoring to detect and report emissions of air toxics. That bill was limited to a small set of industries, mainly petroleum refining, storage and transfers operating in an ozone nonattainment area, and was limited to three identified toxic air pollutants.

The proposed bill will extend this important work by allowing AQCC to designate additional air toxics for regulation based on more complete data sets and current health science. Further, APCD will be allowed to re-examine existing air pollution permits for compliance with more stringent health standards. We believe these actions will potentially benefit the public health.

The LWVCO is committed to justice for vulnerable groups including residents of disproportionately impacted communities. In the bill, AQCC will consider vulnerable groups in setting health-based standards and APCD shall give priority to location of new monitoring sites within disproportionately impacted communities.

We thank the committee for their careful review and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

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