

My name is Stephen Benchik and I am a resident of SD 32 in Denver. I support the passage of this bill, as Colorado desperately needs to update its internet infrastructure, however I believe the best thing that can be done to promote internet connectivity in Colorado is to repeal SB 05-152. This law prohibits local governments from operating their own internet networks unless they explicitly opt out, which creates an additional burden and barrier for municipal internet. Municipal internet has been extremely successful when implemented in Longmont and Fort Collins, and opening the door to it will be a critical step in ensuring all Coloradans have reliable access.