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The Honorable Matt Gray, Chair
House Transportation and Local Government Committee
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 19-1035

Dear Chairman Gray and Committee Members:

The Board of Mesa County Commissioners submits this letter in strong support of HB19-1035, concerning an increase in the flexibility to set fees for electrical inspections that are not conducted by the state.

HB19-1035 would remove the fee cap on electrical inspections conducted by local governments and state institutions of higher education. Currently, fees for electrical permitting and inspection are set by the state, and local governments are mandated not to exceed charging more than 15 percent of what the state charges to perform electrical inspections, regardless of the actual cost to local governments to provide this vital service to their communities.

Furthermore, in the last few years, the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) has significantly lowered its fee structure because of various budgeting issues, which is costing cities and counties thousands of dollars in lost revenue.

Mesa County strongly urges you to support HB19-1035 to help counties across Colorado with this critical local control and cost-recovery issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Rose Pugliese, Chair
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John Justman
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