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HB23-1257 Mobile Home Park Water Quality

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Erin Eddy Against themselves	I cannot even believe that this egregious piece of legislation is being put forward by your group. From what I understand only 1% of the Colorado population is living in Mobile Home Parks. If you are going to select this particular industry then you should also be looking at high density apartment complexes, subdivisions, short term rentals, schools, stadiums, etc. etc. etc. I see this as an attack on individual property rights and I hope that our industry sends a lawsuit your way soon. Find better things to do with your time!!!!
Maribel Rodriguez For themselves	<p>Original Testimony Written in Spanish</p> <p>Mi nombre es Maribel Rodriguez y soy miembro de 9to5 Colorado. Vivo en un parque de casas móviles en Arvada por los últimos trece años. Uno de los problemas en mi parque de casas móviles es que cuando nos cortan el agua sale sucia con partículas negras como moho, solamente cuando cortan el agua o hacen algunos arreglos a las tuberías. Pero por lo general, no nos sentimos seguros al tomar el agua de la llave porque el agua de las tuberías sale amarillas y con un sabor muy feo. Por eso, nosotros compramos agua embotellada esta agua la usamos para tomar y cocinar nosotros como familia gastamos alrededor de \$50 por mes ya que somos una familia un poco grande. Me gustaría pedirle a los legisladores que por favor pasen el proyecto de ley HB 23-1257. También me gustaría pedirles que el estado de colorado sea responsable para que las personas que viven en casas móviles tengan agua potable limpia para todos.</p> <p>Testimony Translated to English</p> <p>My name is Maribel Rodriguez and I'm a member of 9to5 Colorado. I've been living in a mobile home park in Arvada for the last thirteen years. One of the problems in my mobile home park is that when they cut the water, it comes back dirty with a lot of particulates like mold, just when they cut the water or make fixes to the pipes. As a family, we don't feel safe with the water in general, though, because it comes out of the pipes yellow and with a really bad taste. We buy bottled water that we use to drink and cook. As a family, we spend about \$50 a month on bottled water because we're a big family. I would like to ask you as our legislators to please pass the bill HB23-1257. I would also like to ask that the state of Colorado is responsible to make sure that people who live in mobile homes all have access to clean water.</p>
Blair Kanis For Colorado Poverty Law Project	Dear Committee,

	<p>I am writing to provide written testimony in support of HB-1257 on behalf of Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP). I am an attorney with CPLP's Mobile Home Initiative, which provides legal education and representation to mobile home park residents across Colorado. As a result of my work, I can confirm that there is a gap in legal protections for Colorado mobile home residents with regards to water quality. The Mobile Home Park Act provides protections with regards to ensuring adequate running water but does not address water quality. Moreover, I believe that the current legal processes available to residents to file a complaint on water quality issues are inadequate. For example, CPLP assisted a group of mobile home residents to file a complaint related to severe water quality concerns with DOLA's Mobile Home Park Oversight Program in June 2021. Almost two years later, this complaint still has not progressed through the state complaint program and I believe residents continue to live with low-quality, visibly discolored water. I am especially supportive of this bill as it contemplates a state-administered testing and remediation program that does not require residents to complete an extensive complaint process in which they are adverse to their landlord, and risk retaliation as a result, to advocate for water of sufficient quality. Lastly, I support the proposed bill language that clarifies tenant protections from retaliation. Often the process to organize residents and file a complaint on a topic as complex as water quality is a process that can take many months. I support the broader language of this bill that protects residents not only after the complaint is filed, but also during this pre-filing time period, and clarifies the protected activities.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this bill.</p> <p>Best, Blair Kanis</p>
<p>Doris Peterson For themselves</p>	<p>Chair, Committee,</p> <p>I am Doris Peterson and I am a member of 9 to 5 and I urge you to pass HB 23-1257. I live in a senior park and although our water is tested yearly, the infrastructure in this park is decades old. Even though the water coming into the park is at or above regulations, by the time it gets to my house, my tap, my bathwater, my washing machine it probably would not pass an inspection.</p> <p>Water systems in a majority of manufactured home parks in our state are in dire need of remediation in order to bring water quality up to an acceptable standard. This bill will ensure that owners look at and fix any water issues in their park, giving hundreds of homeowners across the state clean water.</p> <p>Thank you for listening, and thank you for passing HB 23-1257.</p>