



May 5, 2025

Senator Dylan Roberts
Senator Marc Catlin
200 East Colfax Rm 346
Denver, CO 80203

City of Aspen Support for HB25-1039
Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements

Dear Senators Roberts and Catlin:

The City of Aspen writes to express its support for HB 25-1039. As a home rule municipality, the City has passed an ordinance that prohibits the continuance of unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise, which interferes with neighboring residents' reasonable use of their property. Under the City's ordinance, operating or permitting the operation of any motor vehicle or motorcycle that is not equipped with a muffler as to constitute such an unreasonable, disturbing noise constitutes a nuisance and is punishable as a violation of the City's Municipal Code.

HB 25-1039 is aligned with our Municipal Code and is a step towards eliminating environmental pollution. We are dedicated to continuing to provide a healthy quality of life within our community and advocate for policies and regulations which assist in ensuring a safe clean air community.

Muffler requirements for commercial vehicles further align with our environmental sustainability commitment to promote and lead climate action efforts in measurable and meaningful ways. HB25-1039 will diminish the noise and pollution impacts that are related to increased commercial traffic throughout our resort community.

Aspen residents face increased noise and emission impacts from exacerbated numbers of construction and commercial vehicles coming into town on Highway 82, some of which may have inoperable or eliminated mufflers. Your bill will be an important tool in limiting those impacts.

Thank you for thoughtfully initiating this public health, safety and environmental bill. The City of Aspen aligns with your commitment to ensuring the well-being, safety and quality of life for all residents within Colorado, including those living in Aspen.

Respectfully,

Rachael E. Richards, Mayor

cc: Representative Brianna Titone
Representative Lesley Smith