



May 30, 2025

Representative Elizabeth Velasco
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax, Room 307
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Colorado 2025 Legislative Session

Dear Representative Velasco:

The City of Aspen would like to express our gratitude for your hard work throughout the legislative session on behalf of mountain communities and the state of Colorado. We are especially grateful for your crucial leadership position as Majority Co-Whip.

Although our positions differed on HB25-1147 Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court, we are ultimately grateful that you listened to our proposed amendments and continue to have an open line of communication. Your sponsorship of SB25-272 Regional Transportation Authority Sales and Use Tax Exemption is being signed into law today. Thank you for ensuring this important measure made it to the finish line, which will expand RFTA's local transportation services and address workforce housing matters.

Additionally, we look forward to meeting with you later this summer to discuss policy matters in depth as we seek to preserve and maintain our Roaring Fork Valley as one of the most desirable destination communities in the country with the shared commitment in helping the state meaningfully increase affordable housing within the Rural Resort Regions.

Sincerely,


Rachael E. Richards, Mayor

Good to See You in
Glenwood Springs
for the Bill Signing!



May 30, 2025

Senator Dylan Roberts
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax, Room 346
Denver, CO 80203

RE: 2025 Legislative Session

Dear Senator Roberts:

The City of Aspen would like to express our gratitude for your hard work throughout the latest legislative session in a leadership role as Majority Caucus Chair and on behalf of mountain communities and the state of Colorado. Our resort community counts ourselves very fortunate to have you representing our interests at the Capitol.

Although you do not officially represent Aspen, we recognize that we align on many matters, and you went to bat for us, especially concerning water-focused bills for the QQ region as Chair of Senate Agriculture and Water committee and other matters such as HB25-1272 Construction Defects and Middle Market Housing, HB25-1077 Backflow Prevention Devices Requirements, and HB25-1039 Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements.

Thank you for listening and possessing the knowledge and intellect to meaningfully work towards the state's commitment to increase affordable housing within the Rural Resort Regions and protecting existing affordable housing programs for our mountain communities. Please let us know how we may be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Rachael E. Richards, Mayor



May 30, 2025

Senator Marc Catlin
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax, Room 346
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Colorado 2025 Legislative Session

Dear Senator Catlin:

The City of Aspen would like to express our gratitude for your hard work throughout the legislative session on behalf of mountain communities and the state of Colorado.

Your sponsorship of SB25-272 Regional Transportation Authority Sales and Use Tax Exemption, which will expand RFTA's local transportation services and address workforce housing matters, is being signed into law today. Thank you for ensuring this important measure made it to the finish line.

Additionally, your sponsorship and support of HB25-1039 Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements is a step towards eliminating environmental pollution by ensuring our citizens and guests are provided with a healthy quality of life within our community.

We welcome you and your family back to City hall to continue those in person in-depth valuable discussions with myself and staff. Please reach out with date(s) that might work for you.

Sincerely,

Rachael E. Richards, Mayor



May 30, 2025

Representative Julie McCluskie
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax, Room 307
Denver, CO 80203

RE: 2025 Legislative Session

Dear Speaker McCluskie:

The City of Aspen would like to express our sincere gratitude for your endurance throughout the latest legislative session in a leadership role as Speaker of the House. Your steadfast experience, knowledge and intellect at the helm ensures the state of Colorado is well represented. Our mountain resort community counts ourselves very fortunate to have you representing our interests at the Capitol.

Although you do not officially represent Aspen, we recognize that you went to bat for us and worked tirelessly to bring together stakeholders in the final moments of the session to understand the issues around the need for world class education, protecting our natural resources, access to healthcare, and by passing legislation that addresses public safety and environmental protections.

We share your commitment to helping the state meaningfully increase affordable housing within the Rural Resort Regions and protecting existing affordable housing programs for mountain communities, thereby making our state a more affordable place to call home. In the face of decades of overwhelming resort-driven development pressure, Aspen has led the way in development of affordable housing policies and regulations. The result is the largest system of affordable housing per capita in the nation, housing a majority of our full-time population, and preserving the vitality of one of the most desirable destination communities in the country.

Please let us know how we may be of assistance in the future.

Hope All is Well! R.R.

Sincerely,

Rachael E. Richards, Mayor