



April 6, 2022

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792
Via email: governorpolis@state.co.us

RE: Request to veto HB22-1024
Preemption of Home Rule Taxing Authority

Dear Governor Polis:

As one of the 69 home rule municipalities that self-collects sales and use tax we vehemently oppose the overreaching mandate of HB22-1024. As outlined in the April 5th letter to you from the Colorado Municipal League (CML), the bill imposes the state's Title 39 exemption on construction and building materials used for public and public charter school construction, which conflicts with the Colorado Constitution as affirmed three times by the Colorado Supreme Court. We align with the position of CML. We request your veto of HB22-1024.

The political power of our home rule community under the Constitution of the State of Colorado provides a structure for quality government in Aspen. Although currently we exempt the school district from paying use and sales tax, the City of Aspen cannot stand idle and watch HB22-1024 target and interfere with home rule taxing authority. As CML stated, a home rule jurisdiction has the authority to determine if their tax base to provide those services should include school construction costs.

As a home rule municipality, the onus is on us. We are best equipped to regulate and work with our community within our city limits.

Thank you for your recent visit to our community and for your continued belief in local control.

Sincerely,

Torre, Mayor
City of Aspen

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