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HB22-1242 Regulate Tiny Homes Manufacture Sale & Install

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Kristin Stephens  For  Self	<p>Dear Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Members:</p> <p>I am writing to offer my support for HB22-1242: Regulate Tiny Homes Manufacture Sale and Install. I am proud to add that this bill originated in Larimer County and was written by Eric Fried, Larimer County’s Chief Building Officer. It was created because we see Tiny Homes as a possible solution to our affordable housing crisis in our county, but we need a way to regulate and have construction standards for these homes. This bill will help us get one step closer to allowing for tiny home communities in Larimer County and across the state.</p> <p>Several years ago, as a Fort Collins City Councilmember, I visited Community First, Mobile Loaves and Fishes in Austin, Texas. This is a vibrant tiny home community that houses 221 former chronically homeless individuals provides a welcoming space for individuals who formerly slept on the streets of Austin. This is a great model for addressing homelessness in communities across Colorado, but to replicate it, we need to have a bill that mirrors the regulations we currently have for mobile home parks.</p> <p>Tiny Homes can help our veterans, people experiencing homelessness, or even people who just want to live a simpler, more sustainable lifestyle. Our county association, CCI is also in support of this bill. I ask you to vote in support of HG22-1242.</p> <p>Kristin Stephens  Larimer County Commissioner</p>