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The Honorable Jared Polis  
Governor of Colorado  
136 State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Polis, we write to express grave concerns over your administration's aggressive push for statewide unfunded electrification mandates, imposed by your Public Utilities Commission (PUC). As the Governor who appoints the commissioners of the PUC and Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), we urge you to reverse this reckless course. This agenda, driven by crony politics and excused by non-science climate alarmism, favors select industries at the expense of Colorado families and businesses. It is economically harmful and endangers lives by further straining an already fragile electric grid. This forced transition ignores critical facts on emissions, costs, reliability, and climate impact.

Mandating electrification is misguided, foolhardy, and maliciously disproportionate as demonstrated by the recent PSPS.

First, electric heating has a higher carbon footprint than natural gas under Colorado's current grid mix and transmission losses; gas appliances frequently deliver lower near-term lifecycle emissions, then pile up rapidly in landfills on top of the gas units they replaced.

Second, Colorado's net-zero goals provide sub-negligible global climate benefit. Consensus science attributes less than 20% of the 33°C natural greenhouse-gas effect to CO<sub>2</sub>. Colorado adds ~0.125 billion tons annually to the over-3200 billion-ton atmospheric stock. Even rounding CO<sub>2</sub>'s effect to 100% yields a maximum proportional impact of  $(33^{\circ}\text{C}(0.125/3200)=) 0.001^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

This de minimis effect cannot justify the immense expense and risks imposed on Coloradans. The economic burden on families and businesses will be devastating.

Mandated appliance replacements carry steep costs (pre-surge estimates):

Heat pump for gas furnace: \$10,000–\$25,000 per household.

Induction stove: \$1,000–\$3,000.

Electric water heater: \$1,500–\$4,000.

Panel upgrade (100A to 200A (max)): \$10,000+.

Statewide, this means tens of thousands per household plus higher rates, tens of billions in infrastructure (\$108 billion estimated by 2050), and electrician shortages risking unsafe installations. "Energy Star" electric appliances add premium pricing, shorter lifespans, and un-recouped embodied energy costs. Besides increasing the cost of ownership, these expenses will make purchasing a home even more distant, if not impossible for young Colorado families.

Most critically, overloading the grid heightens severe reliability and safety risks. Diversifying away from resilient natural gas toward a single, weather-dependent electric system leaves homes, businesses, hospitals, and critical services vulnerable to blackouts from storms, cyberattacks, extreme weather, or overload.

Shutting down coal plants by 2030 exacerbates this, eliminating dispatchable power. Planned shutoffs and fragility—acknowledged by PUC leadership—already impose heavy costs. Delaying the shutdown of Pueblo’s Comanche Generating Station Unit 2 is a thinly veiled means of buffering the danger of your imposed unfunded electrification mandates until after the mid-term elections.

The business impacts already incurred serve as a case study in and of themselves and warrant an urgent policy pivot. Private sector revenue largely funds the state government and when that revenue is decimated for the sake of a misguided climate energy policy there are compounding negative impacts. A recent short-lived outage caused \$145,000 in spoiled inventory, \$1.3 million in lost revenue, \$240,000–\$250,000 in lost wages, higher insurance premiums, and unreimbursed restart expenses.

As was reported widely last week, planned electricity shutoffs present significant public safety risks. Medically vulnerable residents lose powered devices; households face food insecurity and exposure; critical facilities (e.g., wastewater systems) near failure.

A planned shutdown may reduce wildfire risk in the moment, but it sets off a second phase that is just as delicate. Re-energizing lines after extended outages can surface equipment problems that were not visible before and requires careful coordination to avoid new failures.

The financial consequences do not stop with the outage itself and often show up later as cost shifting. Deferred resilience investments externalize losses to ratepayers, who later fund settlements (e.g., Xcel’s \$640 million Marshall Fire payout) via higher rates—a closed feedback loop multiplying harm.

Bottom line: Planned shutoffs reveal how the grid cannot operate safely under stress; stressing it farther is either foolish, malevolent, or both. If our investor-focused, State-imposed monopoly under the direction of your PUC cannot deliver reliable life- and economy-sustaining power, then you have failed.

Colorado pays the price either way, and there is one wallet: the taxpayers’.

Governor, your electrification agenda is unscientific and counterproductive, inflicting needless hardship and endangering lives for vanishingly small hypothetical climate benefits. We request you direct your PUC and other agencies to discontinue imposing carbon superstitions and unfunded mandates to preserve consumer choice and safety.

Your sworn oath is to secure those self-evident, Creator-endowed Rights delineated at our nation’s founding—among which are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. It is not an oath to impose the ideological agenda of “enslaving subordination” for whatever “greater good” you might envision.

Your “just powers” are those “derived from the consent of the governed,” making your mandates not only reckless but also unjust. Please refocus your efforts and appointees on genuine reliability and affordability rather than an unfounded “green” agenda that harms the environment while it prioritizes profits and ideology over Coloradans’ well-being. We welcome discussion of these concerns.

Sincerely,



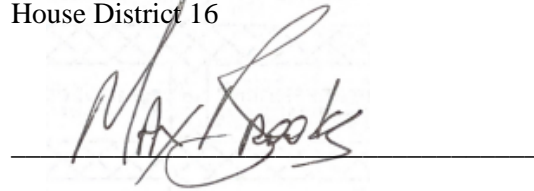
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