

House Transportation, Housing & Local Government

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SB26-172 Front Range Passenger Rail District

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
jeany rush Against themselves	<p>TO: SENATE TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY COMMITTEE</p> <p>RE: SB26-172 FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT</p> <p>SPONSORS: N HINRICHSEN, C KIPP, A BOESENECKER, A PASCHAL</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO CONSTITUENT 4-27-26</p> <p>VOTE: NO</p> <p>FOLKS: BOON OR BOONDOGGLE?</p> <p>â€œA boondoggle is a wasteful, unnecessary, or impractical project, often funded by taxpayers or corporations, that frequently involves political favoritism. It refers to work that appears busy but provides little to no real value. Synonyms include scam, racket, waste, fraud, folly, and money pit.â€</p> <p>Have we gone COOCOO for COCO â€ Puffs? Did we think renaming the original Organization/Commission name to the â€œFront Range Passenger Rail Districtâ€ would make that high speed rail multi-billion dollar boondoggle move along faster than a â€œHerd of Cattleâ€ spooked into a stampede?</p> <p>Letâ€™s create Districts, Sub-Districts, boundaries, more ways electors can vote on even bigger â€œsales taxâ€ increases to fund another TRAIN TO WHERE? Was the 1st phase estimated to Fort Collins approximately 1 Billion Dollars? Wasnâ€™t the 2nd phase estimated at approximately \$3.5 Billion More Dollars?</p> <p>Was this supposed to shrink car usage? All the while public transit use nationally shrinks, while driving has risen from estimated 41 million to 124 million since the 60â€™s. (Walcher) Then proposals have designated more phases, to connect more sites, cities, all dependent on voters electing to fund more of a Multi Billion / 14 Billion Dollar Boondoggle?</p> <p>I understand in some cases there are proposed uses of rails already existing, so either they are reconfigured for high speed, or not?</p>

	<p>SO WHY DOES THIS BILL HAVE A SAFETY CLAUSE ON IT, STOPPING VOTERS' VOICES ON WHAT THEY WILL PAY ON FOR DECADES? Don't forget our unique topography/land! MORE FORCE PEOPLE TO SMALLER SPACES?</p> <p>Since the PLANDEMIC (Caused by lies of the WHO & others who created the bioweapon damages to 2/3 or more of our unsuspecting citizens) and its fear driven agendas, more people have remained in a "Work More from Home" mode. "There's going to be people using it every day, whether they're going from Loveland to Denver or Pueblo to Colorado Springs. There's also going to be people who use it to get to Denver for a night out at the arts or a broadcast game, and it's going to contribute enormously to our economy, Gov. Polis?" SAME CITY FULL OF CRIME, HOMELESS, ILLEGALS, LESS BUSINESSES, LESS SAFE, THAT DENVER?</p>
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