

RE: Written testimony opposing Bill 25-113 as it is currently written

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Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,

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Dear **Members of the Colorado legislature,**

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At SYNLawn Colorado, I work to help to provide high value landscape that is beautiful, creative, eco-friendly, sustainable landscapes and outdoor surfaces that save water, time, and money.

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**House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources**

**02/20/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**HB25-1113 Limit Turf in New Residential Development**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Stephanie Raupp Against themselves	<p>I believe Limiting artificial Turf is an absolute oxymoron to water waste and goes against the entire point in this bill.</p> <p>Artificial turf offers several benefits for water conservation, making it an eco-friendly alternative to natural grass, especially in arid regions. Here are some key advantages:</p> <p>Significant Water Savings – Unlike natural grass, artificial turf does not require regular watering, saving thousands of gallons of water per year. This is particularly beneficial in drought-prone areas.</p> <p>Reduced Irrigation Costs – Homeowners, businesses, and municipalities can cut down on water bills by eliminating the need for lawn irrigation.</p> <p>Lower Groundwater Contamination – Without fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides needed for natural grass, artificial turf helps prevent chemicals from seeping into groundwater.</p> <p>Sustainable Landscaping – Many modern artificial turfs are made from recyclable materials and designed to last for years, reducing the environmental impact of lawn maintenance.</p> <p>Year-Round Greenery – Artificial grass remains green and lush throughout the year without relying on water, even in extreme heat or drought conditions.</p> <p>Less Soil Erosion – Since artificial turf does not require watering, it helps prevent soil erosion caused by overwatering or runoff from irrigation systems.</p> <p>In conclusion; artificial turf is essential to colorado landscaping for water conservation while providing the same appeal to real grass.</p>
Zachary Raupp Against themselves	<p>Banning artificial turf could hinder water conservation efforts because artificial turf does not require irrigation, unlike natural grass. While the intent of HB25-1113 is to reduce water consumption by limiting traditional turf, prohibiting artificial turf in certain areas may eliminate a low-water alternative.</p> <p>Artificial turf is beneficial for water conservation because it eliminates the need for irrigation, unlike natural grass, which requires significant amounts of water to stay healthy. Here are some key reasons why artificial turf can contribute to water conservation:</p>

	<p>No Watering Required – Unlike traditional grass, artificial turf does not need daily or seasonal watering, reducing overall water consumption, especially in drought-prone areas.</p> <p>Reduced Maintenance – Since artificial turf does not grow, it eliminates the need for watering, mowing, fertilizing, and re-seeding, which all require water.</p> <p>Consistent Appearance – It stays green and usable year-round without the need for irrigation, making it a reliable alternative in dry climates.</p> <p>Limits Runoff and Erosion – Some artificial turf systems are designed with drainage layers that can help manage rainwater more efficiently, preventing excessive runoff and soil erosion.</p>
<p>Justin Wilson Against himself</p>	<p>I’m against this for the simple fact that you don’t conserve water by limiting something like artificial turf, which is designed to limit using water for landscaping. That doesn’t make any sense.</p>
<p>Mallory Mckinney Against himself</p>	<p>Dear Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Mallory McKinney, and I strongly oppose HB25-1113, which seeks to ban artificial turf in Colorado. This bill is misguided, as artificial turf provides significant environmental benefits, particularly in water conservation. Given our state’s ongoing drought concerns, eliminating a landscaping option that requires zero water is counterproductive. A single artificial lawn can save thousands of gallons of water annually, reducing strain on our reservoirs.</p> <p>Additionally, artificial turf eliminates the need for pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers that pollute waterways. It also reduces emissions from lawn equipment and lasts 15 to 20 years, making it a sustainable, low-maintenance alternative to grass. Modern artificial turf has evolved to address concerns like heat retention and recyclability, making a complete ban unnecessary.</p> <p>Rather than outlawing a water-saving solution, I urge lawmakers to oppose HB25-1113 and instead support responsible regulation and innovation. Let’s focus on sustainable landscaping choices, not bans that limit homeowners and businesses from making eco-friendly decisions.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mallory McKinney</p>
<p>Ingrid Moore</p>	<p>Dear Committee</p>

<p>For themselves</p>	<p>I strongly support this common-sense bill.</p> <p>Having non-functional turf used here in Colorado, the way it has been in the East with 3-6 times more rainfall, is foolhardy. We have a semi-arid climate.</p> <p>Please vote YES to pass this bill out of committee.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>Alex Polen Against themselves</p>	<p>I'm against HB25-1113 because the information is not correct. Artificial grass does not require watering - it is healthy for water conservation. It is a much better alternative to organic grass and sprinkler systems. I previously worked in the landscaping and remodeling industry all over the state of Colorado, so I have seen firsthand how wasteful sprinkler systems are, especially in the high-desert climate that covers most of the state. Artificial grass is a sustainable alternative and negates wasteful sprinkler systems where they are not needed.</p>
<p>Zach Polen Against themselves</p>	<p>Invasive species and artificial turf should not be lumped into the same bill. Artificial turf consumes less water than natural grass.</p>
<p>Barb Frank Against themselves</p>	<p>I have installed K-9 synthetic grass at 3 different homes over a span of 18 years. It has saved a lot of money in water costs, mowing, fertilization and gas mowers. I have not needed to use water to rinse the grass. I rely upon rain/snow to keep the synthetic grass clean. It is ascetically pleasing to look at and a low maintenance and cost solution.</p>
<p>Conner Sobalvarro Against SynLawn Colorado</p>	<p>RE: Written testimony opposing Bill 25-113 as it is currently written</p> <p>Submitted by:</p> <p>Conner Sobalvarro Commercial Project Manager SynLawn Colorado 12656 E Jamison Pl. Englewood, CO. 80112</p> <p>Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,</p>

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<p>Ariel Mares          Against          SYNLawn Colorado</p>	<p>RE: Written testimony opposing Bill 25-113 as it is currently written</p> <p>Submitted by:          Ariel Mares          Office Manager          SYNLawn Colorado          12656 East Jamison Place #10 Englewood, CO 80112</p> <p>Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,]</p>

My name is Ariel Mares, Office Manager of SYNLawn Colorado. On behalf of SYNLawn Colorado, I am writing in regards to House Bill 25-1113.

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I work in-office and oversee everyday operations. A big part of my role in this industry is to inform and educate people in our community of the benefits that come with using artificial turf as an alternative and to reduce the stigma surrounding it. There is a lot of misinformation regarding artificial turf and its effects. I work hard to make sure people know the facts and therefore make well-informed decisions.

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<p>Larry Hill Against himself</p>	<p>I writing to oppose the proposed bill. I have had personal experience with real grass and synthetic grass and still have both. I don't believe the outlawing real and synthetic grass is beneficial to the residents or public in general. I can't envision neighborhoods made up entirely of rock. Residents (and voters) need grass space for many activities that can't be accomplished by simply having rock yards. Children need places to play in their back yard, and pets need places to run and play as well. I have have experience with synthetic grass, and it has been a great alternative to real grass. Synthetic grass has reduced the amount of water it takes to grow and maintain real grass, as well as make for a very pleasant look in areas where grass simply won't grow. It also does not require resources to mow and maintain the real grass. I am strongly opposed to this bill. Thank you</p>
<p>Paula King Against</p>	<p>I totally understand the idea of limiting or even restricting the planting of non-functional turf, ie live grass, for future developments. However, in no way should artificial turf be considered in this same category. In fact the opposite is true. We</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>took a half dead area in our yard and replaced it with high quality turf, specially designed to drain efficiently and prohibit odor from dog urine. We no longer have to water this fairly large tract of our yard. It wears well and is basically a no maintenance feature. Artificial turf should in no way be included in this bill, as it does not require regular water use.</p>
<p>Kyle Lephart Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill unfairly limits the ability of a person to choose artificial turf over grass or other green space. Artificial turf is a proven way to limit the use of water while still having an environment/lawn that is safe for animals and children, has a pleasant appearance, and doesn't require mowing or pruning. Passing this bill also has the potential to hurt many businesses that provide the services and materials to install artificial turf.</p> <p>I've used turf for professional business needs for years in another high drought state and have found it to be a very effective way to keep a property looking manicured without the need for constant watering or maintenance. As someone who works with animals, it was also effective in providing a space that kept them clean from dirt and mud, safe from hidden harmful plants or animals, and prevented allergens from becoming an overwhelming problem.</p> <p>To pass this bill unfairly impacts residents from choosing the benefits of artificial turf, which include water conservation, over the alternatives.</p>
<p>Alea Houghton Against themselves</p>	<p>Against</p>
<p>Anthony Martin Against themselves</p>	<p>My name is Anthony Martin. I have had homes in California and Colorado with artificial turf. I can certainly tell you that artificial turf does not require water. The main reason that we have went with artificial turf is that it has drastically reduced our water bill. It is cut down on emissions, gasoline, and time as well. I have noticed that it is also helped me in my planter bed area where traditional grass would've allowed water to runoff. The product is very permeable and allows percolating in native sub soils. Although I do understand that most people that are not educated about artificial turf, do you have a fear the artificial turf that I have used in the past are a bio based backing backed by the USDA by utilizing soy beans? PFAS free and lead free. I truly hope that everybody would take into consideration that we do need patches of green. I truly feel that homeowner should be allowed to choose what they like in their own home especially in the backyard. I think there needs to be further education on the product itself as many Turf manufacturers based in the United States, have made substantial leaps and bounds to make their products more sustainable viable, and a great option in our type of dry climate</p>
<p>Derek Bolieau</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p>

<p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am writing this testimony on behalf of my thoughts on the artificial turf bill. I believe this would be devastating to the landscape industry as we use this on a daily basis to make landscapes beautiful. This type of grass does not require water. If we are talking in terms, does it get hot in the summer. Yes, it does, but so does asphalt, concrete, and other surfaces that conduct heat. I am against this bill in so many ways. The only time I know water should be used in a dog park situation to wash down the urine from the dogs. Otherwise, water is not needed for this application. This turf is used in so many applications and uses.</p> <p>Please consider being against this bill.</p>
<p>Terri Thornton Against themselves</p>	<p>I have artificial turf and find it uses significantly less water. I am thrilled with that cost reduction and the beautiful aesthetic of "lush green grass" without the work. I have dogs and could never keep grass in this area. I frequently re-seeded and watered in attempt to have a nice lawn and was never successful. Now I have a beautiful lawn and I am saving money!</p>
<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: House Committee for Agriculture, Water, &amp; Natural Resources RE: HB25-1113 Limit Turf in New Residential Development Sponsors: Smith, McCormick, Roberts FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent VOTE: NO</p> <p>Once again, you are giving us another bill to intrude beyond reason into our local rights as property owners. The numerous bills put forth by this body to control our every breath is truly not just unconstitutional, it is unconscionable. I truly wish it were time for you all to go home, and not come back.</p> <p>The Damage you all have done to this state, is horrible, huge, and marxist, and criminal.</p>
<p>Luke Sanzone Against Marpa Design Studio, Inc.</p>	<p>Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,</p> <p>My name is Luke Sanzone, President of Marpa Design Studio, Inc., a Colorado based Landscape Architecture firm. On behalf of Marpa, I am writing in regards to House Bill 25-1113.</p> <p>The conservation of water through water-wise landscape design is crucial for the ongoing health of our state. My firm is dedicated to creating landscapes that minimize unnecessary water consumption. We achieve this by designing and</p>

	<p>installing landscapes that utilize native plants and synthetic turf as alternatives to traditional natural grass lawns.</p> <p>Our completed landscapes now require a fraction of the water to maintain a lush and vibrant appearance, primarily due to the use of synthetic turf. I respectfully request your support in voting to allow the continued use of synthetic turf in our Colorado landscapes.</p> <p>I want to ensure policies in Colorado do not ban the use of synthetic turf and do not jeopardize Coloradans ability to utilize the water conservation, environmental, and community benefits that synthetic turf systems offer.</p> <p>Therefore, I am sincerely asking you to oppose the legislation as it is currently written.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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Dear Members of Colorado Legislature,

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With a recent change in career to the artificial turf industry, I'm excited to bring my passion for innovative solutions to the great state of Colorado. As an avid golfer, I've witnessed firsthand the benefits of artificial turf in reducing water consumption and maintaining pristine playing conditions. I'm eager to collaborate with the Colorado legislature to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly properties our specific turf has. I want to be able to provide for my family and give back to the communities and environment!

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Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,

My name is Jason Kyzer, Regional Vice President for of Shaw Sports Turf. On behalf of Shaw Sports Turf, I am writing in regard to House Bill 25-1113.

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Shaw Sports Turf is a leading synthetic turf company in North America, we have been an industry leader in both quality and innovation for over 2 decades with more than 4,000 successful installation and focusing our products on sustainability. Our company's NXTPlay performance shock pad recycles old turf into a high-quality product, diverting waste from landfills. Innovation in our products through new technology also reduces the waste of material and improving field performance which gives it a longer life cycle and reduces maintenance. Incorporating synthetic turf is a sustainable, water-saving choice that will benefit both our environment and communities.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

### **Brenda Gonzalez**

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Submitted by:  
Jason Kyzer  
Regional Vice President West  
**Shaw Sports Turf**  
185 S Industrial Boulevard Calhoun, GA 30701

Dear Members of the Colorado legislature,

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Shaw Sports Turf is a leading synthetic turf company in North America, we have been an industry leader in both quality and innovation for over 2 decades with more than 4,000 successful installation and focusing our products on sustainability. Our company's NXTPlay performance shock pad recycles old turf into a high-quality product, diverting waste from landfills. Innovation in our products through new technology also reduces the waste of material and improving field performance which gives it a longer life cycle and reduces maintenance. Incorporating synthetic turf is a sustainable, water-saving choice that will benefit both our environment and communities.

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## Support for House Bill 1113

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**Jemie Dyk** <jemie.dyk@gmail.com>  
To: Alexa.Kelly@coleg.gov

Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 11:02 AM

Hello!

My name is Jemie Dyk and I live in Denver. I wanted to voice my support of House Bill 1113 to the Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources Committee.

I have a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and am currently in a master's program for GIScience. I have also worked in conservation and sustainable farming for several years. These experiences have given me insight into how harmful common landscaping practices such as traditional grass lawns and invasive plants are to the environment. From using large amounts of water in a drought to removing critical habitat for native birds and pollinators, the current state of landscaping in Colorado needs improvement.

I believe by forcing responsible landscaping practices in regards to grass and turf, this bill will encourage a cultural shift towards landscaping that is friendlier to the planet.

On a less ethical note, the laws of this bill will ultimately save property owners money. By having lower maintenance grass with lower water requirements, it would slash landscape upkeep budgets.

Thank you for all your work!  
Jemie

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Submitted by:  
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