

Broomfield Taxpayer Matters



RE: HB26-1192 – Senate Local Government & Housing Committee

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ UA

Thank you, Chair Exum, and Members of the Senate Local Government & Housing Committee,

Thank you for considering this written testimony. My name is Sheryl Fernandez, and I represent Broomfield Taxpayer Matters, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to educate, empower, and advocate for the taxpayers across Colorado – NOT just in Broomfield.

Broomfield Taxpayer Matters are in OPPOSITION of HB26-1192.

While this bill may appear administrative on the surface, it makes an important change that should concern taxpayers — it removes independent oversight by eliminating the Homeless Prevention Activities Program Advisory Committee and places greater authority inside a single state agency.

Taxpayers expect accountability when public dollars are involved. Advisory committees exist for a reason: they provide transparency, outside expertise, and an extra layer of review to help ensure programs are effective and funds are used responsibly. Removing that oversight reduces checks and balances and increases the risk that spending decisions happen without enough public input or scrutiny.

As taxpayers, we understand the importance of helping vulnerable populations. But compassion must also come with accountability. When oversight shrinks, the likelihood of inefficiency, duplication, or mission drift increases — and ultimately taxpayers bear the cost.

This bill does not directly raise taxes today, but governance decisions like this shape how programs operate tomorrow. Centralizing authority within one division may make future expansion easier while making it harder for taxpayers to monitor how funds are allocated or whether outcomes are being achieved.

BTM respectfully ask the committee to consider maintaining independent oversight structures that protect taxpayer dollars and ensure that programs deliver measurable results.

For these reasons, BTM urge you to vote NO on House Bill 26-1192.

Thank you for your time and consideration.