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**Committee of Reference,**  
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Dear Committee of Reference,

I would like to voice support for the **Colorado Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Initiative (CCIRI) legislation**. I understand that the purpose of this legislation is to ensure that components in the Colorado electric grid, water & waste-water systems, natural gas pipelines, and communication networks are hardened to survive all grid-down events (EMP- Electromagnetic Pulse; Nuclear and Non-Nuclear), directed physical attacks, weather-related and cyber terrorist attacks.

There is no greater risk to our way of life then complete loss of the electric grid which is necessary for our critical infrastructure to work. Picture what has just happened in the Ukraine in which most of the critical infrastructure was destroyed by Russia.

Both cyber and Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) attacks are in the war plans of our adversaries such as Russia and China and would destroy our infrastructure with no one to come to our rescue.

According to the Congressional EMP Commission, an Electromagnetic event can be caused by Nature (Solar Storm), or Man (nuclear attack), and both pose an existential threat to our electronic civilization. A nationwide blackout lasting one year could kill millions, up to 90% of the American people, through starvation, disease, and societal collapse. The CCIRI legislation is designed to protect our electric grid and other critical infrastructure from these threats and would save the lives of millions of Coloradans.

Please do everything in your power to make this electrical infrastructure resiliency legislation a reality. The CCIRI is what Coloradans need now to protect all of us from severe disasters that could take out the electric grid long term for months or even years.

Sincerely,