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RESOLUTION NO. 22-92

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SB22-131: PROTECT HEALTH OF POLLINATORS
AND PEOPLE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-101(1), 30-11-103, and 30-11-107, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado ("County" or "Board"), has the legislative authority to manage the concerns of the County and to exercise such other and further powers as are conferred by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board, as duly elected representatives of the citizens of El Paso County, acknowledging those powers and responsibilities originating through state law, recognizes the importance of the County's voice being heard when legislators debate and set policy at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to supporting legislation that aligns with El Paso County's Strategic Plan and opposing legislation that goes against the best interests of the citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in its capacity as a duly elected decision-making body, may choose to take an official position of support or opposition on legislation introduced in the Colorado General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously provided direction to staff that they oppose SB22-131; and

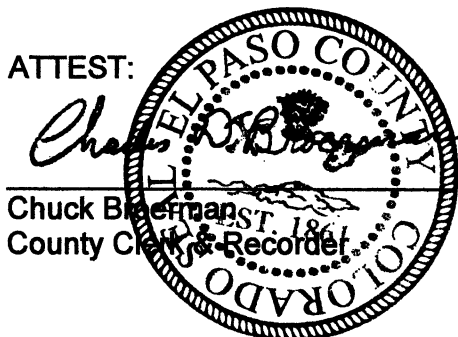
WHEREAS, the Board now desires to ratify its direction by way of formal letter, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, State of Colorado, County of El Paso, hereby officially opposes SB22-131.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board formally adopts the attached letter as its official position opposing SB22-131.

DONE THIS 29th day of March, 2022, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ATTEST:



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: Cami Breen
Vice Chair

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**Letter Opposing SB22-131: Protect Health of
Pollinators and People**

March 16, 2022
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Honorable Legislators,

Please accept this letter of opposition, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, to Senate Bill 22-131: Protect Health of Pollinators and People.

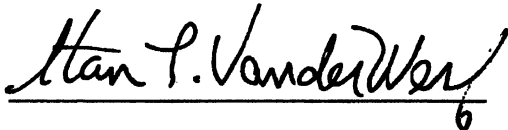
We believe this bill is duplicative and not necessary, as there is already an existing vigorous federal and state regulatory system in place that ensures safety and oversight for all of us, making pesticides a common and valuable tool in many aspects of our daily lives.

Senate Bill 22-131 would increase burdens on local governments and the ban or limitation of certain pesticide use will result in the need to apply chemicals that are more persistent in the environment, less effective, and require multiple applications. This change would result in an increased cost to our Parks department to switch pesticides and increase the frequency of pesticide application.

The cost impact would apply to many industries, small and large businesses, schools and daycares, and hospitals. Over-regulation is complicated and costly and for counties is an unfunded mandate.

This bill is a threat to public health and safety, food production, and management of harmful weeds that don't recognize jurisdiction boundaries. The focus of this bill shouldn't be on targeting pesticide use but should focus on consistent best practices that work for all Coloradans and we ask that it be postponed indefinitely.

Sincerely,



Stan VanderWerf, Chair
El Paso County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Honorable Sen. Dennis Hisey

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