



April 9, 2024

Dear Auditor O'Brien,

We are writing to express our support for [Bill 24-0476](#), which amends Chapter 58 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code regarding Auditor subpoena power for the enforcement of prevailing and minimum wage.

The Downtown Denver Partnership is committed to ensuring that minimum and prevailing wages are met for all employees and honors the importance of ensuring employees are paid fairly and in accordance with the law. Downtown Denver is economic center of our broader city, state, and region, fueled by our nationally recognized workforce. It is essential that we ensure our city remains a sought-after place to work, and to do business.

We are proud to support Bill 24-0476 and what it stands for. That said, we remain in opposition to additional/universal subpoena power for the Auditor as presented to the Downtown Denver Partnership Public Policy Committee on March 23, 2024. Proposed subpoena power that goes beyond wage enforcement provides extensive authority to the Auditor without oversight, which, despite good intentions that may exist today, could be misused in the future. This proposal also places undue burden on the business and nonprofit communities, especially those that contract with the City, threatening to further erode Denver's position as a great place to do business.

Thank you for your work to ensure that Denver's workforce is paid fairly and lawfully, and we appreciate your consideration of our concerns regarding additional subpoena power.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kourtney Garrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kourtney Garrett  
President & CEO  
Downtown Denver Partnership