



Mr. Paul Lopez
Denver City Council Member
Denver City and County Building
Denver, CO
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Dear Councilman Lopez

Three months ago a broad-based task force, Energize Denver, unanimously recommended three measures to the City for implementation. These three measures target large commercial and multi-family buildings and result in 10% increase in energy efficiency with corresponding benefits for the local economy. These three measures require these large buildings to:

1. Measure their building energy efficiency through a free program (Energy Star) offered by the Department of Energy;
2. Disclose the building Energy Star number for tenants and others to see; and
3. Require low performing buildings to increase their energy efficiency by requiring improvements that pay back financially in less than 2.5 years.

The Denver Department of Environmental Health will propose an ordinance to be heard next week in the Safety Committee that will propose the first two provisions. The Coalition for an Energy Efficient Denver (CEED) supports the proposal and also supports efforts to improve the ordinance by adding in the third requirement. The City proposal represents a good first step. Adding in the third provision makes the ordinance much more effective. We urge you to support the ordinance.

The energy used by commercial and multi-family buildings produces 57% of Denver's carbon emissions. These buildings provide enormous potential for saving money, creating jobs, and reducing pollution through cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements. Unlocking this potential could mean up to \$1.3 billion in energy savings for Denver residents and businesses and the creation of 340 good jobs in Denver.

CEED is a membership organization representing over 45 companies who are in the business of energy efficiency, and several organizations who support the overall goals. For more information on CEED and our members go to www.ceed.city for details.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. CEED stands ready to respond to any questions or concerns.

Sincerely
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