



# TOGETHER COLORADO

## HOUSING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY HB21-1117: Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units

Everyone in Colorado, no matter their race or zip code, should have access to shelter and housing. However, certain politicians and wealthy developers make it difficult for many of us to afford to live in Colorado, and home is pushed out of reach for many Coloradans.

### HB21-1117

This bill would remove Colorado's prohibition on local governments from negotiating affordable housing requirements in new development proposals and redevelopment projects.

#### **MANY PEOPLE LIKE TEACHERS, FIREFIGHTERS, AND SERVICE INDUSTRY WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED IN OUR COMMUNITIES BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO LIVE NEARBY.**

Every community in Colorado is unique. By removing this barrier, HB21-1117 empowers local officials, if they choose to use it, to meet the needs of their communities and offers a variety of ways to provide affordable housing.

#### **WHILE THE AVERAGE COLORADO HOME PRICE INCREASED 77% IN THE PAST DECADE, THE AVERAGE WORKER SAW THEIR INCOME GO UP LESS THAN 5%.**

Local solutions could include requiring that a certain number or percentage of new housing units meet certain affordability requirements.

#### **COLORADANS CANNOT LIVE HEALTHY, THRIVING LIVES WITHOUT A PLACE TO CALL HOME.**

Affordable housing would ensure that our communities remain healthy and strong and that people have the option of living in the communities where they work.