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Fort Collins City Council
300 LaPorte Ave.
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Dear Mayor Arndt, Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and Council Members Gutowsky, Pignataro, Canonico, Peel and Ohlson;

The City of Fort Collins has long aspired to serve as a catalyst for regional cooperation to advance shared prosperity, but also in recognition of our interconnected economic, social and cultural fabric of Northern Colorado. As the largest municipality and host city of a major research university, Fort Collins assumes a natural leadership position. Such status affords both an influential voice in the region and a duty to assure all voices are considered. In many respects, this aligns with the earnest pursuit of this Council to champion a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community that celebrates our differences and strengthens our commonalities.

Leadership is not a matter of imposing authority and enforcing compliance, it is a process by which sound judgment is demonstrated, trust in that judgment is established, and respect is earned from resulting actions.

On your agenda, dated September 21, 2021, City Council will consider identifying areas and activities of statewide importance for the purpose of invoking regulatory authority over such areas, referred to as 1041 Powers. While the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce is a strong advocate for local control of local matters, we believe it is an abuse of power when local decision-making excludes the voices of those most impacted by these decisions. At this time, we do not support the adoption of 1041 powers and are strongly opposed to any moratorium placed on projects while 1041 powers are explored.

The economic wellbeing of our entire region depends upon the successful completion of many regional projects like NISP and the expansion of North I-25 without further and unnecessary delay. We strongly encourage this Council to send

a clear message to the community and to others outside our jurisdictional boundary: We believe in cooperation to achieve shared prosperity; we deserve your trust and respect because our judgment is not clouded by parochial imperatives; we value the health of our environment and the economic vibrancy necessary to achieve that objective; and we believe in the equitable stewardship of our finite resources.

The Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully encourages this Council to vote against Ordinance 122-2021 and to avoid imposing any moratoriums.

Sincerely,

Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Hutchison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Hutchison, CAE
President & CEO

cc: Kelly DiMartino