



**CBSA Testimony on HB 1162, Management of Plastic Products
House Energy & Environment Committee
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Thank you, Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is Emily Roberts, I'm Vice President of the Colorado BioScience Association. We represent our state's life sciences ecosystem with more than 720 companies, organizations and institutions developing and delivering innovative products and solutions to improve and save lives.

I am here in support of amendment L.001, which creates a statewide exemption for medical products. Our concern with this legislation has always been the repeal of preemption and the potential for local municipalities to implement their own plastics regulations impacting medical products.

We don't think a local municipality would intentionally create a regulation that limits plastics used in medical products or supplies, but without this exemption, there is concern that it could be overlooked.

These products are highly regulated by the US FDA and have rigorous requirements to ensure the product and its individual components are safe, reliable, and maintain integrity.

This amendment ensures local regulations won't impact these products or create confusion for those involved in their research, development and manufacturing.

I also want to thank the bill sponsors for their willingness to work with us to address this issue.

I urge the committee to vote yes on amendment L.001. Thank you.