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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Volunteers of America and the hundreds of community programs which we operate to support vulnerable individuals, we are deeply concerned about SB26-134 and the unintended consequences of this legislation. Though intended to help small businesses, SB26-134 Interchange Swipe Fees would instead impose significant and unintended burdens upon them. By altering the treatment of interchange on sales taxes, the bill could force small businesses to undertake costly systems upgrades and navigate complex negotiations with multiple payment networks simply to process routine and daily transactions. The bill may even impact the ability to accept cards as a form of payment. For businesses already operating on thin margins amid ongoing economic uncertainty, these challenges are not just inconvenient, they are overwhelming.

All financial institutions, including smaller financial institutions, which maintain close relationships with Main Street businesses and are purportedly exempt, remain opposed to this legislation due to the disruptive ripple effects. The bill creates chaos in what is currently an easy to use and efficient payment system.

The result could be a fragmented and confusing payment environment, where merchants must manage multiple forms of payment—cards for purchases and cash or checks for taxes, creating inefficiencies and frustration for both businesses and customers. At a time when stability is critical, this proposal introduces unnecessary risk and complexity that Colorado's small businesses can ill afford.

SB26-134 would negatively impact those that are struggling the most such as small businesses, people trying to break the cycle of poverty, young people trying to get started on their careers and seniors who live on limited incomes. These are the people we proudly serve. For these reasons and many more, I ask that you oppose SB26 – 134.

Sincerely



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