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Disability Law Colorado Urges Action to Keep Buildings Accessible

Denver, CO — Disability Law Colorado (DLC) is raising concern about a new proposal from the Trump administration that could reduce important protections for people with disabilities. These protections ensure that federal programs are accessible to everyone.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requires federally funded buildings — including new construction and major alterations — to follow Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. The U.S. Department of Energy aims to remove that requirement.

“This proposal puts decades of progress at risk,” said **Emily Harvey**, Co-Legal director of Disability Law Colorado. “Buildings could openly exclude people with disabilities. That is simply unacceptable.”

The Department of Energy’s plan would produce widespread confusion and legal conflicts. It could also signal similar rollbacks by other federal agencies.

“The administration is trying to frame this proposal as routine and noncontroversial,” Harvey said. “It is neither.”

Why This Matters to Colorado

This may be just the beginning. Accessibility standards for all federally funded infrastructure could be next.

As Colorado grows, it’s crucial to keep housing, transit, and other projects accessible. Weakening these standards could limit the participation of people with disabilities in everyday life.

Kelly McCullough, Co-Legal Director at DLC, highlighted the danger: “This proposal is a direct threat to our dignity. We urge all Coloradans to speak up.”

Take Action Now

The deadline to submit public comments is 10 pm MDT on **Monday, June 16, 2025**. For templates and instructions, visit the [Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund](#).

Contact DLC Communications Manager **Felix Ortiz** to schedule interviews.

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Disability Law Colorado is a nonprofit civil rights organization, authorized by federal law to combat discrimination, abuse, and neglect. We aim to make Colorado the best place in America for people with disabilities to work and thrive. For more information, visit disabilitylawco.org.