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OR NATURAL DISASTER.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:* SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado Constitution, Article XXVIII, add Section 17 to Article XVIII as follows:

## Section 17. Consumer right to energy choice.

(1) Access to energy as a right. BECAUSE ACCESS TO ALL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE COMMON USE Formatted: Font: Not Bold ENHANCES THE SAFETY, WELFARE, AND STANDARD OF LIVING OF ALL PEOPLE IN COLORADO, Formatted: Not Small caps CONSUMERS HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCESS TO ENERGY TO POWER AND HEAT HOMES, COOK, AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS GAS-POWERED VEHICLES, STOVES, HEATERS, LAWNMOWERS, AND PROPANE-FUELED PRODUCTS. (2) A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT FURNISHES AN ENERGY SOURCE SHALL PROVIDE THAT SOURCE Formatted: Font: Not Bold TO THOSE INHABITANTS THAT DEMAND, APPLY FOR, AND ARE REASONABLY ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE ENERGY SOURCE, EVEN IF OTHER ENERGY SERVICES OR ENERGY SOURCES MAY BE AVAILABLE. (3) Products and services shall be allowed. PRODUCTS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS POWERED BY Formatted: Font: Not Bold AN ENERGY SUPPLY IN COMMON USE SHALL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS BY  $\underline{\mathsf{THE}}$  STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (4) Public safety exception. The provisions of this This SECTION DO DOES NOT APPLY TO Formatted: Font: Not Bold HEALTH OR SAFETY RESTRICTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR IN CASE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY, SUCH AS FIRE