

Five House Republicans Sold Us Out Vote to Fund Democrats' Pet Projects and Pass the Long Bill

They probably just wanted to get home early to see their families for dinner, so have a little compassion and understanding for these republicans whom we ask to work for five solid months out of the year. Senate Bill 268 (<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb25-268>) reallocated \$30M from education via Colorado's Marijuana tax, to the General Fund. The Democrats could not pass the long bill without first passing SB-268, an orbital bill to pull marijuana tax funds into the general fund.

Instead of staying and fighting the good fight, these five elected Republicans (Mary Bradfield, Rose Pugliese as always, Anthony Hartsook, Rick Taggart, and Matt Soper) sided with the Democrats. The Republicans agreed to take \$30M from Colorado schools, to fund the State of Colorado's democrat projects, like removing children from their parents if their parents don't agree to allowing their children to "trans out" and be groomed by the adults around them.

The 2025 Long Bill creates a \$43.9B State of Colorado budget, beginning in July. This represents a 3.6% increase over the 2024 Budget. The Colorado Dems did show restraint this year in a few areas; the Revitalizing Main Street Program was slashed, as was \$71M in funding for bike paths and walking paths, ongoing pet projects. Additionally, \$34M was cut from the Free School Lunches Program, which is just more socialism. Over \$114M was cut from public transportation projects this year.

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Democrats claim the two most quickly rising costs are health care and education. But if they weren't handing out free health care and education to illegals, the costs would be significantly lower. Not funding the murder of babies in the womb and not funding surgeries to sterilize and mutilate the mentally ill, would also yield less of a shortage. But most of our elected Republicans would never dare say that to the Dems...they have to get along and not offend anyone, after all.

Senate Bill 268 went up for a House vote on April 23rd, with an amendment to create a Cannabis Business Office. The CBO will support business owners with a focus on "social equity," - anti-white racism. Ryan Gonzales spoke in favor of the CBO! Reps Luck and DeGraaf argued against the ridiculous premise of funding new businesses with struggling existing businesses, especially when the legislature gets to decide who is more of a priority. According to Rep Bacon, brown, black, and "trans" people deserve to financially benefit from the backs of existing cannabis owners. As Rep DeGraaf explained, helping business owners means lowering taxes and having less regulations. Bacon closed her long-winded remarks by again saying they must work towards "equity in this space."

On reconsideration, as several Dems opposed 268, Republicans in the House decided to cave in to Polis and the Dems' demands. Bradfield, Pugliese, Soper, Taggart, and Hartsook agreed to vote Yes to pass the bill and thus fund the long bill. They blew a rare opportunity to wield some power in the Democrat controlled House; Colorado Republicans could have demanded further negotiations regarding the horrible House Bill 1312, which finally passed out of Senate Judiciary with amendments on Wednesday night.

House Bill 1312 criminalized the act of referring to a dead person by his God-given gender. The bill also treated parents who would not buy into their children's' delusions and teenage gender games, as criminals. In fact, attempting to raise your daughter as a female despite her mental illness could lead to lost custody of your daughter. It's a disgusting and sexually charged bill, written for groomers who get off on talking about kids and sex, gender.

Or perhaps our House reps could have simply stopped and told the Democrats that further talks will be needed to pass the long bill. None of that happened, though. No negotiations took place, and Republicans placed no pressure on the Democrats to do anything in exchange for the passage of their funding bill, funding that will make things worse in Colorado as it always does.

Five House republicans, whom we worked so hard to elect, sold us out to the radical Democrats to fund Colorado's bloated and communistic budget- more money for trans grooming of children, more money to take away our guns, and more money to house illegals. You would think that for once, Rep Pugliese could have sided with her own party on something so simple, but that would have been politically and morally sound. Some Colorado Republicans don't even know what it means anymore to have principles and to work for their constituents.

Barb Kirkmeyer and Rose Pugliese would rather go home early for dinner, than fight for us. Rose Pugliese could stay home from work every single day and do less damage to Colorado families, than she does by going to work. Come November, we ought to not fight for them. In fact, we shall fight to elect better leaders.