

**Testimony in Support of
STATE OF COLORADO
HOUSE BILL 10-1274**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

**101 CONCERNING SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS BACK TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
102 SYSTEM FOR JUVENILES IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT WHO
103 HAVE DEMONSTRATED BEHAVIOR THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE
104 SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THEMSELVES OR OTHERS DURING THE
105 PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.**

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Denny Haulman. My family moved to Montrose from St. George, Utah, in February of 2007. We believed we were moving to a safe community, with good schools and polite kids. There were opportunities for our daughters to succeed and thrive in a healthy, supportive environment.

My daughter is Mallory Haulman. She is a beautiful girl, who has earned a 3.8 GPA while taking Advanced Placement course work throughout high school. She is on the Track Team, Varsity Softball and Swimming Teams. Just last month, Mallory was named the Southwestern League Swimmer of the Year. She has a very bright future. Mallory intends to pursue a career in medicine, right now her interest is in anesthesiology. According to her guidance counselor, "Mallory is a quiet warrior, a natural leader who gets the job done." I am very proud of her.

Mallory was attacked on November 11, 2008, at approximately 8:00 a.m. in the lobby of Montrose High School. Her younger sister Mae, witnessed the attack. I am thankful for the quick action by a teacher who immediately performed life saving first aid, the response of the ambulance crew, the short distance to the hospital, and the entire surgery team for saving my daughter's life. She has recovered physically from her life-threatening injury.

While I am not a professor of law, it seems to me that House Bill 1274 holds real promise that what happened to my daughter may not need to happen to any other child in Colorado public schools.

I attended each and every pre-trial hearing throughout the legal process up to and including the guilty plea to first-degree attempted murder. The testimony during that time was that the 14 year old who attacked Mallory had serious mental health issues and had recently been released from a residential treatment facility.