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Senator Neville
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to you today to express my support for HB15-1340: the extension of the Multiple Sclerosis Voluntary Income Tax Contribution. I wished to be able to testify in person, but I could not take off of work to show my support.

The MS Society does wonderful things for people living with MS in Colorado and around the world. The MS Society funds \$1.7 million of research at eight research centers here in Colorado. In 2014, the Society helped 297 people living with MS with utility assistance, affordable home modifications, and medical equipment. The Society does great work in sharing knowledge and resources for those whose lives have been affected by MS.

The Voluntary Income Tax Contribution is a great way for the Colorado Chapter of the MS Society to raise funds and is an easy way for me to ask friends, family, and colleagues to donate a small amount. My friends, family, and colleagues have seen me live with MS and seen the benefits the MS Society has shared with me.

The MS Society does wonderful things for me, a person living with MS. A very good example of this is when they paid for the installation of a personal alert system last year for when I am having a medical emergency. I live alone with two adult children who live out of state. Now, when I have an unexpected MS exacerbation and my legs don't work very well, I can call for help and my family and friends do not have to worry about me anymore. I receive immediate assistance and can easily get the help I need. The tax check off option for people to contribute to the National MS Society is a vital avenue to support programs like this. It has made programs like this more possible for people like me.

Thank you for your consideration on this bill. I look forward to celebrating the passing of this bill for so many of us affected by MS.

Very Sincerely Yours,



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