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Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203

RE: HB15-1033 Comprehensive Strategic Action Plan on Aging Population in Colorado

Dear Committee Members:

It has come to our attention that HB15-1033 has been assigned to the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee. We feel this decision was a poor one, and request that it be reconsidered and alternatively sent to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. This bill is one that deserves full and fair consideration free from political plights and its current assignment is not just.

CLUB 20 strongly encourages and supports the passage of HB15-1033 and the development of a comprehensive strategic action plan regarding Colorado's aging population. Between 2010 and 2030, Colorado's population over the age of 65 will double and will represent 19% of our total population. CLUB 20 notices this significant change in demographics over the next decade and expects it will have strong implications on the fiscal stability of Colorado, its citizens and families.

The growth of our aging population will have wide-ranging economic and social implications on all sectors of our society, placing unprecedented demands on public sector programs and budgets. We will see increased healthcare costs, an overwhelming strain on public infrastructure and personnel, and the expansion of state and federal entitlement programs among many other impacted areas. A comprehensive strategic plan to address this growing demographic is absolutely necessary to pre-emptively identify, plan and prepare the state to address these looming concerns.

HB15-1033 is a critical and timely step toward addressing one of the greatest challenges facing our state and we ask for your thoughtful consideration in moving this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christian Reece'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christian Reece
Executive Director