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Re: HB09-1191

Dear Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

At the request of Representative McCann, members of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) worked with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to craft HB09-1191 which changes CRS 25.5-4-301(5)(a). Together, representatives from both organizations agreed on language to assure Colorado collection/subrogation provisions are in line with federal requirements not only currently but in the event of changes in federal law applicable to Colorado.

CTLA and its members appreciate the opportunity to help Representative McCann in creating a bill that meets the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's laudable goals. While CTLA remains neutral on the substance of the bill, the association wholeheartedly supports the spirit of compromise and cooperation demonstrated by Representative McCann and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

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