

Mr. Chairman and Members of The House Health and Environment Committee,

On Tuesday March 13, 2012, Senate Bill 12-099 will be considered by the House Health and Environment Committee. I respectfully request your support of this important legislation, which if passed, will make a significant difference for a large number of at-risk youth. Senate Bill 12-099 will expand the availability of critical services and support for Colorado's at-risk youth through the successful academic model.

Evidence based research clearly demonstrates that all juveniles are more likely to succeed in life as protective factors are enhanced and risk factors are reduced. Young people who become the responsibility of the Division of Youth Corrections, the State Department of Human Services or County Social Services are at a significantly greater risk for alcohol/drug abuse, anti-social behavior, low academic achievement and criminal behavior. Educational achievement, a vision of promise, a life of purpose and accomplishment all represent key elements for a life of success. The academic model associated with Senate Bill

12-099 consistently demonstrates meaningful and sustainable success in the lives of our at-risk youth. The well-considered academic model of Senate Bill 12-099 makes a difference for the future of our young people by establishing expectations for success through compassion and discipline, while ensuring the youth strive for a life of purpose, promise and accomplishment.

If passed, Senate Bill 12-099 will have a significant impact upon the reduction of criminal recidivism, while providing our at-risk youth with an opportunity to succeed in life and make a difference.

I respectfully request that you provide our youth with PROMISE, PURPOSE and ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Please support the successful future for Colorado's at-risk youth

PLEASE VOTE YES ON SENATE BILL 12-099.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important public safety matter.

Respectfully,

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