



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
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RE: HB 12-1218  
Early Childhood & School Readiness Commission

Dear Representative Cherylin Peniston,

On behalf of the Junior League of Denver, thank you for sponsoring HB 12-1218. Members of the League's Public Policy Council are extremely pleased to offer our support for the bill.

As advocates for children in Colorado, the Public Policy Council would like to see the early childhood and school readiness legislative commission extended to July 1, 2017. We believe that the commission has the capacity to inform the legislative process and promote quality bills that would improve education in the state of Colorado.

The Junior League of Denver supports efforts to create effective policies surrounding early childhood learning. The League has a long standing record of success creating, funding and implementing community programs addressing early childhood education. The League's signature program "Kids Connect" has touched hundreds of children and their parents or caregivers through active participation in reading, art and music.

Thank you very much for your leadership in sponsoring a bill that will allow the Early Childhood & School Readiness Commission to continue meeting and working to find new ways to improve education for our state's children. We really appreciate your focus and hope to continue our relationship in providing a better future for our youth.

Sincerely,

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