

Honorable Lindsey Daugherty and Members of the House Health and Insurance Committee State Capitol 200 East Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Please support HB 1130

Dear Representative Daugherty

I write as a citizen who cares deeply about the State of Mental Health Care in Colorado. KBNO Radio has been running Public Service Spots on this issue.

House Bill 1130 is a necessary bill that will get patients with serious mental illnesses (SMIs) the best possible treatment faster. The bill will allow Doctors to prescribe the right medication that their training, scientific evidence, experience, and the special needs of the patient dictates. This bill will save money by getting patients the best possible care reducing the need for emergency room visits, hospitalizations and time lost from work.

This bill has widespread support in the Hispanic and African American communities and is cosponsored in the Senate by Senators Rodriguez, Buckner, and Fields. We must get people suffering from SMIs the right treatment and this bill will further that goal.

Thank you and all the best.

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