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Colorado House Judiciary Committee
Representative Joe Salazar
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Representative Leslie Herod
Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: House Bill 17-1230 Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act

Dear Representatives of Colorado Citizens:

Colorado is a beautiful state in which I am proud to live. But Colorado has a dark and shameful stain on its history because of its participation in the WWII internment of over 7,300 individuals, mostly of Japanese descent, at Camp Amache. We proud Coloradans must not repeat – or forget – this history. For this reason, I write to ask the Colorado Judiciary Committee to support HB 17-1230, which would protect Colorado from repeating actions like this dishonorable one from our state's past.

I have an adopted niece, born in China and raised here in Colorado by her parents and our loving extended family. In the midst of this current national climate, I fear for her future. Will she one day be imprisoned in a Colorado internment camp because she was not born in this country? Will she be forced to register as a possible threat to our state and our country simply because of her Asian heritage or the color of her skin?

Let us learn from history. Let us proactively prepare for Colorado to reject any Executive Orders or legislative attempts to set up internment camps or registries of individuals – Muslim or other – because of their religious, racial, ethnic, or immigration status. Colorado needs no more internment camps, no more Camp Amaches, no segregation by color or creed. Please support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act and the principles of democracy for which our state and our country stand.

Sincerely,



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March 15, 2017

RE: HB17-1230, Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act

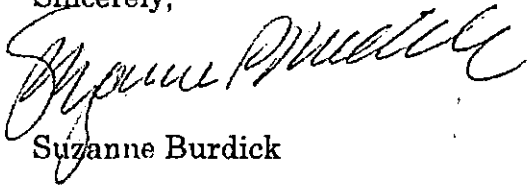
Dear Colorado Congress:

I urge you to pass HB17-1230 for the good of all Colorado citizens.

This bill will help continue Colorado's long history of protecting all citizens. We must send a message to the current administrative regarding its overreaching mandates.

Please consider HB17-1230 carefully and then pass it.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Burdick



daniel j. culhane llc
attorney at law

March 14, 2017

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members:

I write to urge you to support the
Ralph Carr Freedom Act.

It is imperative that our state stand
up to government overreach by the federal
government. Moreover, it is imperative
that we protect our most valuable
citizens from assaults on their civil
liberties.

We need to know that our local
law enforcement will have the State's
support in guaranteeing civil rights
to all of our fellow Coloradans,
and will not be co-opted by the
federal government for purposes that
do not serve our fellow Coloradans
or support our state's values.

I hope I can count on your support.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Culhane

Dear Judiciary Committee members and Colorado House Representatives:

In this time of harsh US Executive Branch invective, threats, orders, and potential federal legislation against citizens and non-citizens, which are contrary to the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, please stand with the people of Colorado to guarantee basic freedoms for all citizens of Colorado, irrespective of their religion, race, or country of origin. Republican Governor Ralph Carr stood up for those Coloradans of Japanese origin during their fear-driven internment of WWII, just as we should stand now with Coloradans of Mexican, South American, and Muslim country origin. Barring people from full participation in our country or targeting them in any way, does not protect us; this has been proven repeatedly. Any such actions detract from our identity as a democracy and protector of freedoms.

This Act would also send a clear message to our local law enforcement that Colorado State government will support them in guaranteeing civil rights to all Coloradans, irrespective of lines that the current Administration, and potentially Congress, may wish to draw.

Please support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act to send a message to the feds: we in Colorado will support the civil rights of our fellow Coloradans, against any potential federal incursions.

Thank you.

Linda Drake
80207

Support Colorado and states' rights. This bill, the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act, is needed to protect all Colorado residents from federal government overstepping. This is important for Colorado's economy and for the ability of our local law enforcement to fight crime. It also represents our commitment to basic human dignity. I stand in support of the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act.
Support this! Thank you.

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To Whom It May Concern

From: Professor K. H. Ochs, Emerita, CSM

About: Please Support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act

I understand that the this bill supports local control in the limited case of preventing Colorado law enforcement officers from being legally compelled to help in setting up a registry for any group, or to become involved in some contemporary type of internment camps, or of limiting constitutional rights (and human rights) for targeted groups—groups based on race, religion, nationality. The right of free speech should also be included.

March 16, 2017

Colorado House Judiciary Committee
Colorado State Capitol
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Re: House Bill 17-1230 Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act

Dear House Judiciary Committee members and Colorado House Representatives,

As a citizen of Colorado, I urge you to support HB17-1230.

I am the proud daughter of an immigrant. Over the past 40 years my mother started several successful small businesses, worked incredibly long hours, generated jobs for the economy, and faithfully paid her taxes. She is well-known in her community for her tremendous generosity and hard work. And her many contributions have undoubtedly made this country a much better place.

It is imperative that we guard against violating the civil rights of Colorado citizens. I urge you to reject any attempts to target people based on race, religion, or immigration status. Please support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act.

Thank you,
Anne Sarsen
Denver, CO

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act. I am 66 years old. My best friend growing up in South Minneapolis from the time I was 5 years old (in 1955) was Japanese American. We are still friends today. Her parents' stories of their lives and her grandparents' lives leading up to and while in the concentration camps HERE in America during World War II are part of an oral history now archived at densho.org. It broke my heart listening to them thinking how could we as Americans treat *anyone* this way. How could this happen in America?

This year is the 75th anniversary of the forced removal of the Japanese into concentration camps during World War II. The treatment of these people was and as far as I am concerned continues to be a disgrace to our nation. We must prevent such atrocities from happening again.

Colorado needs to stand strong and be a model for this country and ensure equal protection for ALL of its residents against any attempt by the federal government to single out any particular person because of that person's race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation.

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I have lived around and worked around immigrants, legal and illegal, all my life. From my experience, they are all hard working, conscientious, family oriented, peaceful and good people only seeking a better condition for their lives. They pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits. The only barrier they face is the onerous immigration policies of the US. They are a source of economic prosperity with the labor they provide, the goods and services they consume while living here, and the expertise they contribute.

The current federal effort to detain and deport immigrants is solely an effort to stir up hostility, and create fear and instability in communities that don't deserve it. I applaud and support the Ralph Carr Bill. Make Colorado a place of welcome and encouragement for immigrants. We'll all be better off for it.

Chuck Tidd
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Dear Judiciary Committee members and Colorado House Representatives:

As a United States Citizen, a patriot, a descendent of survivors of the Holocaust, as a neighbor to those who represent the great melting pot of this country being from various nations and ethnic backgrounds, as a human being, I urge you to support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act.

I am not your Negro

I am not your Muslim

I am not you Mexican

I am not your Jew

I am not your Slave

I am not your Wetback

I am not your Other

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Please support the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act to send a message to the feds. The citizens of Colorado support the civil rights of our fellow Coloradans against any potential federal attempts to abrogate those rights.

Thank you.

Melanie Weiss-Turner
80207

To the Colorado House Judiciary Committee,

I would like to support the Ralph Carr bill for the following reasons:

- 1) I strongly favor states rights
- 2) I am against federal overreach
- 3) Our state has a long and proud history of opposing federal overreach which we should continue
- 4) We presently have a very effective system for vetting immigrants from countries involved in terrorism

Thank you,

Eric Barandes
Saguache , Colorado

I want to express my strong support for the Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act. I am in my 70's and know people who were terrorized by fascist governments during the 1930's because of their religion or ethnicity. My children, growing up in California, had friends whose parents and grandparents were interned in camps because of their Japanese heritage, even though they were American citizens. I believe this bill will prevent Colorado from participating in any kind of national registry based on religion or ethnicity or other categories with the purpose of treating them differently and harshly. Ralph Carr, who opposed the Japanese internment camps in Colorado, is to be admired and followed today. The bill honors and recognizes his moral courage. He represented the values I as a Coloradoan and American cherish and want to see supported by our legislature with passage of this act.

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