

Attachment B: Written Testimony SB 12

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Let me address an important issue before I proceed with this bill. Senator Julie Gonzales, as a constituent, I find your behavior on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at the Colorado State Capitol—one of the most important buildings in our state—completely inappropriate. Standing up, screaming, and yelling in support of something illegal is unacceptable.

It is clear that you do not understand the principles distinguishing undocumented immigrants from illegal immigrants. Furthermore, your actions suggest that you support individuals who commit crimes simply because they have been given a "green light" despite a demonstrated lack of moral character. These individuals come into this country and commit heinous crimes against others.

Do you truly believe you have credibility in this building? Do you believe you should continue serving as a senator? From my perspective, it seems you are more interested in being a loud and disruptive voice on the steps of the Capitol rather than a responsible legislator. If that is the case, you should resign from your position.

Now, regarding this bill—it is yet another example of nonsense. Why should taxpayers be responsible for covering 50% of a county's annual voter-approved debt service for the construction or renovation of courts and jails? If a county decides to finance new facilities, it should be their responsibility to manage the costs, not shift the burden onto state funds.

Instead of addressing the real issues—mismanagement of resources, lack of accountability, and inefficient spending—this bill expands an already underfunded program. Instead of handing out more grants, lawmakers should focus on fixing the existing system and ensuring taxpayer money is used effectively.

This is just another way to bail out counties that fail to budget properly. I strongly oppose this bill.