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Testimony - HB21-1114 School District Provision Of Internet Service

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HB21-1114, School District Provision of Internet Service

Hearing on March 9th at 1:30pm

My name is Beth Utton, and I live in Longmont, Colorado. I am offering my testimony as a concerned citizen.

Public education is one of the foundations of our democracy. All students should be provided equally with the tools necessary to that learning. During the COVID pandemic schools have had to switch to on-line learning to various degrees. That has left many students out, those students who do not have internet access and those students who do not have the equipment and assistance they need to participate in distance learning.

This is not just a pandemic issue. Internet use will only increase as a necessary tool in the future. School districts need to be able to provide internet access to all students.

I ask you to vote YES on HB21-1114.

Thank you.

Beth

Utton

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House Transportation & Local Government Committee Hearing
HB21-1114 School District Provision of Internet Service
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Chairperson Exum and distinguished members of the Committee; my name is Ingrid Moore, from Longmont. I'm a concerned citizen writing on my own behalf **in support of** House Bill 21-1114.

I strongly support this bill and urge you to vote Yes.

The current need for access to adequate internet service is critical for all students, and especially in this pandemic with classes often held remotely. Even in normal times with in-person classes, the most vulnerable students, those who are struggling the most in school, often have no access to this vital modern requirement for homework and research.

An example: In Longmont, one of our city council members who is also a 3rd-5th grade teacher, related a story to me of how she has been having to meet students in small groups on someone's porch and provide internet access by using her phone as a hotspot.

This is just unacceptable. This bill will help. **Please vote YES on this important legislation.**

Thank you for your time and attention.

Ingrid Moore
Longmont, Colorado
8 March, 2021