

**Testimony of Phil Cherner, Legislative Liaison, on behalf the Sam Cary Bar Association, in support of SB21-131. Before the Senate State Civic, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on March 16, 2021**

The Sam Cary Bar Association represents Colorado's more than 300 African-American attorneys. Our members have sworn to support the Constitutions of the United States and Colorado, and to use our knowledge of the law for the improvement of society and the legal system. As Black attorneys, we understand how the systemic inequities in our legal system disproportionately and negatively impact Black lives and communities throughout the United States.

The Sam Cary Bar Association provides this testimony in support of Senate Bill 21-131. This bill would enhance Colorado's safety and wellbeing by ensuring that when Coloradans entrust the state government with their personal information, that information is being used for the provision of government services rather than being divulged to ICE and others who have a history of targeting immigration enforcement disproportionately against communities of color.

The systemic racism in our immigration system is inherent in this system's history as well as continued patterns of enforcement. While 7% of non-citizens in the U.S. are Black, they make up 20% of those facing deportation, according to the Black Alliance for Just Immigration. Black immigrants are also more likely to be denied immigration bond, receive a higher bond, and to be deported at a higher rate than non-Black immigrants. These inequities compound the systemic racism that Black Coloradans face in policing and the criminal justice system, particularly where immigration agents obtain Black immigrants' personal identifying information through the guise of criminal investigations. SB 131 helps to protect our residents against these inequities, including by requiring third parties to abide by constitutional process and safeguards when they seek personal information.

In addition, the pandemic has shed further light on societal inequities through its disproportionate health and economic impacts on communities of color. It is vital that members of these communities are reassured that their personal information is protected and will not be fed into a racist deportation machinery. The safeguards provided by SB 131 would help overcome the communities' well-founded mistrust of government and encourage them to come forward and access state services at this crucial time.

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Dear members of the Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee:

Colorado Jobs With Justice is a long-term, formal coalition of labor, community, faith, and student and youth organizations that come together to advance workers' rights and social justice through building sustained relationships and taking direct action to create concrete change in the lives of working families. Colorado Jobs With Justice supports SB21-131 and urges committee members to support this important legislation to protect Coloradans' privacy and increase trust in important state agencies for oppressed communities in our state.

Our colleagues at the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition unearthed very concerning emails last year, in which an employee of the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles was using their position to help US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) target immigrants in our community. It is startling and offensive that someone abused their power in such a way, and it is vital that the legislature step up and ensure that this kind of maltreatment cannot occur in the future.

ICE weaponizes data against immigrant communities. Palantir, a technology company that unfortunately recently moved to Colorado, contracts with ICE to mine for data and utilize it in sophisticated raids targeting hardworking immigrants. This bill would go a long way in ensuring that ICE and its corporate tech partners do not have access to information that can be used to tear apart Colorado families.

Immigrant workers in Colorado rely on fair administration of resources by the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles and it is essential that trust in the agency be restored. In most parts of the state, the ability to drive is a prerequisite for being able to work. That is why the legislature saw fit to ensure that individuals with different kinds of documentation have access to a Colorado driver's license. The provisions of SB21-131 will ensure that our immigrant neighbors continue to access these vital services without fear of being targeted by state employees who have absolutely no right to do so.

The State of Colorado must work to repair its relationship with our immigrant neighbors, and this bill would be an important first step in doing so. Colorado Jobs With Justice urges the members of the committee to recognize this and vote in favor of SB21-131.

Sincerely,

Eric Leveridge  
Strategic Research Analyst  
Colorado Jobs With Justice

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written testimony and talk to you about why this committee should support Senate Bill 131 to protect data privacy for all Coloradans.

The General Assembly passed the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act and in so doing invited eligible individuals to apply for these licenses and nowhere did we say, "do so at your own risk," quite the contrary. The General Assembly decided that it was good policy to have 251 licenses because it would bring driving safety to all Coloradans.

Misuse of Personal Identifying Information has been a concern of immigrant communities for years. Sharing data with ICE has rippling effects in our communities. Not only could it determine whether or not a parent is permanently separated from their child, it opens the door for less trust in government services, and in turn, less community health and safety. Putting immigrants in harm's way and disrupting avenues for government services is bad for families, public health and safety, businesses and employers, and for humanity. The governor's office and the DMV have taken some steps to remedy this problem, but those actions alone are not enough. Our state has the responsibility to pass a permanent legislative solution that rebuilds and restores the community's trust by protecting the privacy of all Coloradans.

Our bill creates a consistent process for requests of personal information to be submitted, vetted, and granted when appropriate. Right now, bad actors can take advantage of loopholes in the current privacy guidance, targeting community members who have placed their trust in local government. From opening driver's license applications to all, to granting in-state tuition to undocumented Coloradans, our state has taken historic legislative steps to ensure that everyone -- no matter their race, class or immigration status -- can live healthy, fulfilling lives. We must continue on this path by ensuring that when people share personal information with the government they can trust that their privacy is protected.

Coloradans need fair and equitable access to drivers licenses, let's not breach that trust or worse, discourage the application for such licenses and therefore jeopardize public safety. Coloradans value privacy. It is a western, Colorado value. This Bill honors that value. Vote yes.

Thank you for your time today.

Respectfully,

ACLU of Colorado  
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## Written Testimony to Strongly Support SB21-131

My name is Katherine Riley. I am the Policy Manager for the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR). COLOR works to engage and empower the Latino community to speak out about the policies that impacts our community.

We are committed to ensuring that Latinas and our families are able to make personal decisions about health, have access to affordable health services and that we are each able to live our lives with dignity.

We are honored to testify in support Senate Bill 131, which specifies measures in several categories to protect personal identifying information kept by state agencies. After years of immigrants being threatened by an immigration system that profiles, polices and harms our families, the least we can do is protect personal information so that people can access safety and relief programs and not worry about being detained or deported.

For people who have never been threatened by the very systems that are supposed to protect or even care for us or who have not heard stories of immigrant women seeking protection orders and being interrogated themselves or seeking services from a public health clinic and being taken by ICE, they may not get how important it is that the agencies charged with making our communities healthier and stronger not be part of the dragnet created by our broken federal system.

Colorado prides itself on being a place of fairness, freedom and opportunity. Until the federal immigration system is completely rebuilt to center the safety and rights of those who feel violence and persecution and the opportunities of those who are striving for a better life, then we should not participate or feed into harmful policies and be part of caging our community members. We should not help the federal government to arrest or detain people by collecting unnecessary data on people or disclosing people's personal data to federal officials. To do so is a hateful reminder of the parts of U.S. history that we do not always talk about – one that includes a relocation camp right here in Colorado.

We should be doing more to help support immigrant families. It can certainly start with making sure that our state agencies are not perpetuating the pain caused by our broken federal system by invading people's data privacy.

We are proud to support this bill. Together we can make it clear that Colorado is a place where we welcome all and work to ensure that every person and every family is treated with respect and compassion. The very least we can do is to protect people's data. It is a critical first step that we should take this year to try to undo some of the harm and fear that Coloradans have been living with under policies from a federal system that had damaged and dehumanized so many people. We strongly urge you to support 131. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

**Submitted by:** Katherine Riley, Policy Manager, Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), 303-393-0382

Thank you Madam Chair and members of the committee. My name is Maggie Gómez and I am the Deputy Director at Center for Health Progress. I am submitting testimony in support of SB 131, Protect Personal Identifying Information Kept by State.

I have been involved in the efforts to ensure public safety on our roads since 2013. Essential parts of why protecting personal identifying information is important for our state is to reduce barriers to transportation that ensure that everyone on the road knows the rules, has insurance, and gets to school or the hospital with minimal barriers. Eight years later, we have seen how having a driver's license is a critical way to reduce transportation as a barrier to good health. SB21-131 is the most important next step because Coloradans deserve to know that we can trust that any personal information provided to the state while accessing vital service will be kept secure, and will not be disclosed to outside actors that would use it against them.

As a result of the state not having these safeguards, Coloradans have been targeted and separated from their families due to the misuse and deliberate use of personal information for these purposes. In order for Coloradans to know and trust that this is not the intention of the state to play a willful role of being an accomplice, we need the Colorado state legislature to support this critical guardrail. First and foremost, this will reduce the personal identifying information that is collected by state agencies to only what is needed, and limits the retention of documents to only as long as is needed to prove the authenticity of the document, unless otherwise required by state or federal law. Secondly, this law would require certification by entities to access state databases so all federal agencies which want to maintain access to the DMV Driver's License database confirm they will not use the records or information for civil immigration purposes. Subsequently, this bill would ensure state agencies can record requests made by federal agencies to access databases, identify trends, and report discrepancies in a report that is shared with the legislature. This bill does not tell the federal government that they can never access information, but requires a judicial warrant, court order, or subpoena in order to release personally identifiable information, and if an individual's information is requested, and includes notification of the individual in writing within three business days at their last known address.

These basic and rational steps to protect people is needed now more than ever. This sends the message to everyone in Colorado that when they need a COVID-19 vaccine, when they get a license, or when they interact with any state agency, their information is protected. All Colorado residents suffer the loss of personal privacy and freedom when our sensitive information is compromised and mishandled.

I ask that you vote in support of SB 131, Protect Personal Identifying Information Kept by State. Thank you for your time and consideration.



## **COLORADO CRIMINAL DEFENSE BAR**

Testimony in support of SB21-131, Protecting Personal Identifying Information Kept by State:

This bill would prevent the DMV and other state agencies from releasing personal identifying information for the purposes of immigration enforcement. This is good policy on numerous levels.

First, it will make our state safer for all, including, but not limited to, immigrant communities. If immigrants living in Colorado can trust the DMV and other state agencies, they are more likely to trust law enforcement. This would allow them to report crime, cooperate with investigations, and communicate with local and state law enforcement, rather than avoiding doing so out of fear of immigration consequences.

Second, creating trust in the DMV for immigrants will make our streets safer. SB13-251 recognized that, as a state, we have a vested interest in as many drivers as possible having valid licenses and insurance. The fear of DMV using personal identifying information for purposes of immigration enforcement stands in the way of that. It leads to more minor traffic offenses that cannot be easily resolved in our criminal courts due to inability to get a license. That costs court time, money, and resources. This bill would greatly reduce that problem by allowing immigrants to get licensed, clear suspensions of their driving privileges, and drive themselves to work, rather than getting caught up in unnecessary traffic offenses because they're afraid to trust the DMV. It would also avoid the problem of immigrants who have/attain legal status going to the DMV and then being referred for prosecution of an old traffic case.

Finally, it's important to remember that our local and state law enforcement agencies have to function within the framework of obtaining warrants based on probable cause and complying with court orders. These are some of the most basic safeguards in our criminal system. Federal immigration enforcement should not be able to get around those basic requirements in Colorado by mining personal identifying information from DMV and other state agencies. This bill would prevent our state agencies from participating in that injustice.

Please vote yes on SB21-131.

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Testimony - SB21-131 Protect Personal Identifying Info Kept By State						
First Name	Last Name	Position	Representing	Testifying	Text of Testimony	Registered
Siena	Mann	For	Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition	Submitted text	<p>Thank you Members of the Committee and thank you Senator Gonzales for bringing forth SB 131 to ensure Coloradans' private information is protected. _x000D_ _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) is a statewide membership-based coalition of immigrant, labor, interfaith, youth and ally organizations founded in 2002. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>CIRC has led policy campaigns to implement and improve the SB 13-251 program over many years. In 2020, we created a community partnership with the DMV to train and support community organizations in providing free workshops to prepare community members for their SB251 appointments. We worked to expand the number of offices in Colorado providing licenses through SB20-358. Over the years, we have encouraged more than 150,000 Coloradans to trust in the state government by providing significant personal information to the DMV to comply with the extensive requirements of SB251. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>After hearing stories from undocumented community members across the state that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) had access to driver license information submitted to the state, CIRC felt the need to investigate. We submitted a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) Request in March 2020 that revealed a pattern of close collaboration between Department of Motor Vehicle Investigation Unit Employees and ICE agents. Through hundreds of recovered emails, we received proof DMV employees shared information about Colorado residents with ICE, despite no evidence of criminal history or a crime in progress. This included collaboration on immigration-related arrests and detentions leading to unknown numbers of separations of Colorado families. DMV employees weaponized personal information against Colorado families for immigration enforcement purposes. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Without trust in our state government, crimes go unreported and justice goes unserved. As a resource hub, CIRC continually encounters undocumented or mixed-status families who fear coming out of the shadows to access critical services. Families fear participating in programs like contact tracing, driver licenses, and food assistance - even during a lethal pandemic that has disproportionately impacted communities of color. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>It is imperative that Colorado pass SB131 to restore trust with the immigrant community and to send a clear message to all Coloradans that the state values their personal privacy. We ask that you vote YES on SB131. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition _x000D_ _x000D_</p>	3/15/2021 17:32
Renee	Najera	For	Self	Submitted text	<p>Chairman Coleman and members of the committee, _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>My name is Renee Najera. I'm married to H. Najera and I have five wonderful children. I am writing to support this bill because of the impact a lack of data privacy has had on me and my family. I was born and raised here in Colorado and I lived in Denver Colorado all my life until the rent prices drove us out of the city. My family decided to buy a home in 2017 and were unable to afford one in Denver so we purchased in Evans, CO. My husband and I own a successful business. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>I am here to speak about what happened to my husband on October 2, 2019. My husband and I were at the court building with our lawyer for a pre-trial hearing. When we got there to check-in they said that they had none of H's paperwork. The lawyer said that was weird since we were on the docket, so my husband and lawyer proceeded to the back. I just waited because I thought they were just going to reschedule and we were going to leave. The next thing I know, I see my husband and lawyer walking out to the hall. Then I noticed three gentlemen dressed in regular clothes asking my husband for his ID. He showed them his Colorado driver's license, which is an SB251 license. They told him to turn around and they arrested him with no warrant or anything. My lawyer was there to witness it with me. Everything happened so quickly and then they gave me a letter that said they were from the Department of Homeland Security. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>I believe my husband was arrested because his ID was a CO RCSA SB251 driver's license. This information sharing violates the privacy of undocumented people. People that get this license, like my husband, are trying to do right for our country. It should be like the HIPAA privacy act, where you are guaranteed privacy for your personal information. The HIPAA standard should be applied across the board in our state departments. Immigrants better our country and our state and people have rights no matter where we are from. ICE's treatment of my husband has been absolutely inhumane. Wouldn't you want better for your wife, kids, family and yourself? It is so unfair what is going on in the world and we need to have basic privacy rights at the very least. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Thank you members of the committee for taking the time to listen to my story. I urge you to vote YES on SB21-131. _x000D_ _x000D_</p>	3/15/2021 17:45
Susi	None	For	Self	Submitted text	<p>Hello, Chairman Coleman and Members of the Committee. Thank you Senator Gonzales for sponsoring this bill. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>My name is Susi and I have lived in the state of Colorado for a few years. Today I want to give my point of view on what I have been hearing and seeing these past few months regarding what the DMV is doing to help ICE! When I got an SB251 license I gave a lot of my personal information to them, only to learn that they might be sharing it behind my back with ICE. This feels like a scam. I do not understand why they want to cause great harm to my community when we have not previously had any issues with ICE. Yes... we may be without legal status in the country but we are good citizens. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>I remember that when I began to hear in August 2014 that here in the state, Governor Hickenlooper had signed an order to give driver's licenses to the undocumented. I felt very happy because I knew that having a driver's license would make me so much more comfortable driving. With a license I feel more secure, more able to travel to work and more free. I never imagined that over the years I would begin to hear about a possible collaboration between ICE and the DMV. This makes me feel insecure, it makes me feel scared every day. It does not seem fair that they take advantage of a person in this way because it could mean getting separated from my home and family. The only thing immigrants want in life is to have a better life, wanting to feel that they will arrive at their job safely, that they will arrive home safely with their family because they have a driver license, a license that today is causing us concern. I would like to ask the Governor of Colorado and the Senators to help us deal with this situation that affects some 150,000 undocumented immigrants in the state. These are people who get up every day to go to work and who do not know if we are going to return to our families. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>I ask you to please vote Yes in support of SB21-131 to protect the data privacy for all residents in Colorado. Thank you for your time. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Susi, Grand Junction, CO</p>	3/15/2021 17:43
Susan	Gilbert	For	Progressive Democrats of America	Submitted text	<p>Thank you Chairman Coleman and members of the Committee and thank you Senator Gonzales for bringing this bill forward. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity to share with you the importance of supporting Senate Bill 131 which protects data privacy for all Coloradans. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>My name is Susan Gilbert. I live in Aurora in Arapahoe County however I am writing on behalf of Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) Colorado, a statewide organization which is committed to preserving the universal values of human dignity, justice, and respect. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>PDA Colorado supports this legislation because we believe in the rights and privacy of all people and all Colorado residents. Immigration status should not be a factor which determines the safety or privacy of any resident. Sensitive, personal information provided to the state should be kept confidential as originally intended and not used to intimidate, target, or threaten anyone. No one should live in fear of seeking necessary services, such as medical care, because he or she is fearful of being deported or being separated from loved ones. Senate Bill 131 guarantees the privacy of all Colorado residents regardless of immigration status, economic status, length of living in our state or political views. We urge you to take the necessary steps to protect the privacy of the people of Colorado, to deter ICE's ability to harass our immigrant families and to support basic human rights and dignity, which we all deserve. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Our state has the responsibility to protect the privacy of its residents and this bill is an important step towards protecting the data privacy of all Coloradans. We urge you to please vote YES on Senate Bill 131. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Thank you for your time. _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Sincerely, _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>Susan Gilbert, _x000D_ _x000D_</p> <p>PDA Colorado, _x000D_ _x000D_</p>	3/15/2021 17:45



Christopher Alfred	For	Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Dear Members of the Committee, _x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. My name is Christopher Alfred and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center. We are a multi-issue organization based out of Boulder, Colorado with a strong focus on racial and social justice issues. _x000D_ _x000D_ We want to begin our testimony by first commending the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) for their incredible work in getting Senate Bill 131 introduced. We also want to express our deep gratitude to Senator Gonzales for introducing this bill. _x000D_ _x000D_ Senate Bill 131 is an important step in ensuring the protection and wellbeing of our undocumented neighbors and friends. When people submit private information to government entities in order to access crucial public services, it is morally wrong for those government entities to then allow ICE officials to exploit that information in order to tear families and communities apart by detaining and deporting people. This tragic mishandling of private information breeds an environment of fear and distrust in our public services. It also sets a dangerous precedent in how private and sensitive information is handled in this state. In a time when so many people are struggling to get by, due to a full year of a pandemic leading to economic hardships, cuts in social services, and medical burdens, it is crucial that every individual, regardless of their documentation, is able to feel safe when submitting information in order to access important, sometimes life-saving services. _x000D_ _x000D_ The last thing our community needs right now is even more fear, division, and distrust in public officials. On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, I urge you to vote YES on Senate Bill 131. Thank you for your time. _x000D_ _x000D_ Sincerely, _x000D_ _x000D_ Christopher Alfred, _x000D_ _x000D_ Administrator, _x000D_ 303-444-6987, _x000D_ Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center</p>	3/16/2021 13:05
Nicole Murad	For	American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Colorado Chapter	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Good morning Chair and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Nicole Murad. I am a co-owner of a Colorado law firm with two physical locations – one in Aurora and the other in Boulder, Colorado by the name of Murad Immigration Law. We have been in operation since 2007 and focus exclusively on U.S. Immigration &amp; Nationality Law. _x000D_ _x000D_ I also serve in an executive capacity for the Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. I am currently the Chair of the executive committee. Last week, our Chapter formally adopted a resolution to support SB21-131. That support is the basis of my written testimony today. _x000D_ _x000D_ The Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) supports this bill because it would: _x000D_ 1. Prohibit state agencies from disclosing personal information for immigration enforcement, except to comply with a court warrant, subpoena, or order. _x000D_ 2. Require outside actors with access to state databases to certify that they will not use or disclose the information for immigration enforcement. _x000D_ 3. Limit the personal information that state agencies collect. _x000D_ 4. Make state agencies report on the requests they receive for personal information. _x000D_ _x000D_ We believe that all Coloradans, even the undocumented, deserve data privacy. The immigrant community has placed trust in our government by sharing personal information to access much needed services. By preventing Personal Identifying Information (PII) given to the DMV and to the CDLE from being shared with ICE, or any other person or entity who would use the information for immigration enforcement, this bill would restore immigrant trust. Our members have witnessed first-hand how ICE has exploited this trust by working with state agents to tear families apart. As a result of this cycle, we see immigrants in Colorado refusing state services for fear that their information will end up with ICE. The misuse of personal identifying information has been a concern of the immigrant community for years. _x000D_ _x000D_ In sum, this bill addresses the legitimate fears of community members that ICE, or other entities, will mine state agency databases and records for immigration enforcement purposes. This bill restores trust while continuing to foster access to much needed services in Colorado. _x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time and consideration of this important data privacy bill. _x000D_ _x000D_ Nicole A. Murad, Esq., _x000D_ AILA Colorado Chapter Chair, 2020-2021, _x000D_ Murad Immigration Law</p>	3/16/2021 13:08
Giselle Herzfeld	For	350 Colorado	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Dear Members of the Committee, _x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony, and thank you to Senator Gonzales for introducing Senate Bill 131. _x000D_ _x000D_ My name is Giselle Herzfeld, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of 350 Colorado, a non-profit organization representing over 20K Coloradans. Although we are a climate-justice based organization, we recognize that environmental justice and social justice are deeply intertwined, and that is why we are testifying today in support of Senate Bill 131. _x000D_ _x000D_ As the daughter of a Mexican immigrant, I have a deep personal interest in this bill. I know the looming fear that immigrant detention and deportation could take away someone you love. I know the looming fear that those who are supposed to protect your family may actually be the ones who tear your family apart. Our governments has failed our undocumented communities and allowing ICE to obtain sensitive information – information that was submitted in trust and good faith – to detain and deport people, is morally wrong and dangerous. _x000D_ _x000D_ Working for a climate justice organization, I have witnessed the myriad ways in which our Latino and immigrant communities have been harmed and exploited. I have witnessed the disproportionate impacts of oil and gas extraction, air pollution, and water pollution on the health and safety of majority-immigrant communities in Colorado. Many of these harms are kept silent and hidden out of the fear that immigrant detention could tear your community apart. The government has a responsibility to rebuild this broken trust with immigrant communities so that no one fears accessing services or reporting injustices. _x000D_ _x000D_ On behalf of 350 Colorado, I urge you to vote YES on Senate Bill 131, as an important step in ensuring the safety and protection of our neighbors, friends, and family members here in Colorado. _x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time.</p>	3/16/2021 13:15
Jordan Garcia	For	American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Good afternoon Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written endorsement of Senate Bill 131. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) supports SB131 to protect data privacy for all Coloradans and we urge you to vote yes. _x000D_ _x000D_ AFSC is a Quaker based nonprofit organization that coordinates two local committees: 1) Coloradans for Immigrant Rights and 2) Not One More, whose members are mostly Coloradans with a family member facing possible deportation and who would be directly impacted by SB 131. Our 2,700 members strongly support passing SB 131. _x000D_ _x000D_ We at AFSC believe that Coloradans should have a right to the privacy of our personal data. We have a right to know how the government uses our personal data. This is especially true if our personal data is collected for one stated purpose, and then without our knowledge or consent, used for an entirely different purpose. The discovery that the DMV shared personal identifying information with ICE, without a warrant, for the purpose of detaining and deporting immigrants is egregious. SB131 must be passed to ensure that this never happens again. _x000D_ _x000D_ At AFSC, we want to share with you our truth and lived experience: immigrants are an essential part of the fabric of our communities. Immigrants are our family members, our neighbors, our ancestors, our local entrepreneurs, our teachers, our healthcare workers, and our friends. The driver's license program recognized that and has been very successful with high participation, creating shared safety and community with greater access to insurance, registration and identification for all who live in Colorado. _x000D_ _x000D_ When Colorado immigrants live in fear of deportation, all Coloradans suffer. Members of Not One More have shared stories of lives being ripped apart when a family member is deported. Families with two working parents are suddenly forced to survive on a single income. Children whose parents are detained unexpectedly - such as at a traffic stop with data harvested from the DMV or through other data sharing - are traumatized when their parents suddenly disappear from their lives. _x000D_ _x000D_ Passing SB 131 restore some of the trust that was lost when we learned of the DMV data breach. Our state has the responsibility to protect the privacy of all its residents and this bill is an important step towards protecting the data privacy of all Coloradans. For these reasons, we urge you to vote YES on Senate Bill 131.</p>	3/16/2021 13:42

Peter	Bakken	For	Mountain Dreamers	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Good afternoon Members of the Committee. Thank you Senator Gonzales for bringing this bill forward_x000D_ _x000D_ My name is Peter Bakken. I am the Executive Director of Mountain Dreamers, a nonprofit organization of immigrants, Dreamers, DACA recipients and allies in Summit Co. Mountain Dreamers supports SB131 because we are concerned about the CO DMV's actions, in which they shared the personal, private information of Colorado residents inappropriately and proactively with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. The DMV shared information from residents who applied for an SB251 driver license._x000D_ _x000D_ We support Governor Polis' recent guidance to state agencies restricting inappropriate information sharing, and believe strongly that strengthening this guidance by putting it into law with SB131 is necessary and will help protect all Coloradans._x000D_ _x000D_ We help residents from all over the state get the necessary documentation they need for the license and help them prepare for the written and driving tests. In order to get a driver license, our community decides to trust the Colorado government with their personal information so that they can safely drive to work, take their children to school, take loved ones to the doctor, and be able to present valid ID if stopped by local law enforcement. Our entire state is safer, healthier, and economically stronger as a result._x000D_ _x000D_ We must be confident that the DMV will not then turn around and betray our trust by sharing personal data inappropriately with ICE, in order that ICE can detain and deport working, tax paying Colorado residents. One of our undocumented community members, Raymond, said, "I'm very grateful I was able to get my license, I can register my car, drive with peace of mind, it helped me a lot. It helps so many other people too. I think it's very important to protect the (data) privacy of everyone. We need this bill."_x000D_ _x000D_ In order for our state's communities to be healthy and prosperous, all residents must trust that they can seek the state services that are available to them without fear of their personal data being used against them. This is especially true right now during the COVID crisis._x000D_ I respectfully ask that you vote YES on Senate Bill 131 in order to protect the personal information, health, safety, and economic security of Colorado's immigrant community and all Coloradans. Thank you for your time.</p>	3/16/2021 14:04
Enrique	Orozco-Perez	For	Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Good afternoon Members of the Committee, Thank you Senator Gonzales for bringing this bill forward_x000D_ _x000D_ I am here to ask for your support on SB131 to protect data privacy for all Coloradans. My name is Enrique A. Orozco-Perez, I currently reside in the City of Durango, situated in La Plata County. I am the Lead Community Advocate with Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, but also do work as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager for the La Plata Food and Health Equity Coalition, a committee member of 4Drive Colorado, and a committee member for the City of Durango's Community Relations Committee_x000D_ _x000D_ Durango has the highest I.C.E. presence per capita in Colorado. I.C.E. has gone to disgusting limits to spark great fear in Southwest Colorado with their inhumane practices. This has led to distrust within our immigrant communities, and as a result, they are hesitant to visit any government building and let alone feel comfortable to give their information to obtain an SB 251 license. As news of the data privacy breach spread, this caused increased fear and distrust. Our constituents were hesitant to go to the local DMV, give their information, and follow the law that has been set by our state. What is needed now is a step to repair this trust, and SB131 can be a step in that direction._x000D_ _x000D_ The SB251 program has been a huge success in Colorado, and it is one of the few pro-immigrant legislations that is highly backed by law enforcement agencies across the state. It ensures community members, regardless of their immigration status are driving on our roads legally and safely. It also allows our constituents to have faith in the governing bodies of this state, knowing that Colorado is welcoming to people from all backgrounds._x000D_ _x000D_ The biggest fear that many constituents have when getting their SB 251 license, is that their information will be shared to I.C.E., and that because they are trying to do the right thing in order to drive, that they will be compromised. We should not be punishing people who are following the laws of our great state, but instead we should be protecting them in order to continue adding value to our communities._x000D_ _x000D_ I ask that you vote YES on Senate Bill 131 because our state has the responsibility to protect the privacy of its residents and this bill is an important step towards protecting the data privacy of all Coloradans_x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time today.</p>	3/16/2021 14:10
Cory	Gaines	For	Self	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Post the below written testimony for the Senate State, Veterans, and Military committee_x000D_ _x000D_ When_x000D_ _x000D_ Tue Mar 16, 2021 4am - 5am Mountain Time - Denver_x000D_ _x000D_ Calendar_x000D_ _x000D_ corygaines@gmail.com_x000D_ _x000D_ Who_x000D_ _x000D_ +_x000D_ _x000D_ corygaines@gmail.com - organizer_x000D_ _x000D_ more details =_x000D_ _x000D_ _x000D_ To the State Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee_x000D_ _x000D_ My name is Cory and I am a resident of Sterling. I am writing one of my more efficient written testimonies yet because I am writing about two bills: Senator Gonzales' and Rep Gonzales-Gutierrez's SB21-131 and Senator Sonnenberg's and Rep Pelton's SB21-159_x000D_ _x000D_ I am in support of both. I think they're both good ideas and I think they're complementary. I hope you all on the committee see the wisdom in both and how they fit together well too_x000D_ _x000D_ I have long been a fan of privacy and an individual's right to feel secure in his or her person. I remember when I first read about the DMV selling our information a few months ago. I was surprised (and, from what I gather by writing Senator Gonzales' office earlier I am not alone--her office representative was unaware of it too). I didn't know it was legal for them to commercialize my information and make money off it._x000D_ _x000D_ The more I learned, the more frustrated I became: there's not much in the way of information about who the DMV sells to, what they're selling, and there is no way to opt out. Senator Sonnenberg's bill will fix that. If I choose to not have my name be used to profit the DMV and shared with person or entities unknown, I can do so_x000D_ _x000D_ I also would call attention to the protection that Senator Gonzales' and Rep Gonzales-Gutierrez's bill would offer against the GOVERNMENT coming and taking my information. I know more about this process because so, I do not want it to the process to be without a check on it and/or due process. This bill would fix that_x000D_ _x000D_ I hope you pass both bills to the floor for debate. I hope you, like me, see the value in both_x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time_x000D_ _x000D_ C</p>	3/16/2021 4:48

<p>Elisa</p>	<p>Rodriguez</p>	<p>For</p>	<p>Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP)</p>	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee_x000D_ _x000D_ My name is Elisa Rodríguez-I am a community Advocate and work for Hispanic Affairs Project in Montrose, CO. I am also a member of the I-Drive committee_x000D_ _x000D_ I am writing to testify about the positive changes and outcomes that have developed in our rural community due to the ability of people being able to obtain an SB251 Driver License. We must continue the work we started in 2014 by protecting the data provided to the state from SB251 applicants, that's why I urge you to pass SB 131_x000D_ _x000D_ Having access to a driver license has improved the lives of our community members in ways that many take for granted. Many have been able to access jobs that require a driver's license, others have become more independent and are able to more comfortably support their families and to count on their spouses to drive to the grocery store, doctor's visits, to pay bills or simply to take their children to school and after-school events. We know that people with a driver's license are more likely to make big purchases, like a car or a home, and that this is a benefit to the Colorado economy_x000D_ _x000D_ Another positive outcome is that dozens of immigrant families have been able to open their own businesses. Some have opened construction companies, restaurants, cleaning businesses, and some are currently in the process of filing the proper paperwork to obtain a business license. This is a huge step forward for Colorado, our economy and the wellbeing of families that are able to provide for themselves and also hire others to be contributors to our economy and wellbeing in Colorado_x000D_ _x000D_ Supporting SB 131 will help increase positive outcomes like we have seen with the Driver's License SB251 bill. Our communities have placed their trust in local and state Government and we are hoping that you will send a message to our communities to let them know that the security of their personal information matters to you_x000D_ _x000D_ I ask that you vote YES on Senate Bill 131 because our state has the responsibility to protect the privacy of its residents and this bill is an important step towards protecting the data privacy of all Coloradans_x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time today_x000D_ _x000D_ Elisa Rodríguez_x000D_ _x000D_ Hispanic Affairs Project</p>	<p>3/16/2021 9:52</p>
<p>Omar</p>	<p>Gomez</p>	<p>For</p>	<p>Grupo Esperanza of Colorado Springs</p>	<p>Submitted text</p> <p>Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee_x000D_ _x000D_ Grupo Esperanza is a grassroots community group based in Colorado Springs. Our mission is to provide information and resources to the immigrant community, we are a community help center where people come for assistance. We provide information and help on everything from obtaining SB251 Driver Licenses to COVID relief. If we are not able to help the person, we connect them to other resources and refer them to get the help they need. We are also a member of the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition and help provide relevant information for the immigrant community locally. We formed in 2016 and have helped hundreds of immigrant community members in the Colorado Springs area over the past 5 years_x000D_ _x000D_ In our work we come into contact with community members who hesitate to access a driver license or other service out of fear of sharing their information with the government. We have helped hundreds of people apply for an SB251 license and have encouraged them to trust in the DMV. When we found out the DMV was sharing information with ICE it was very worrisome. Given the immigration status of many community members, it has been terrifying to think that their information could be processed by the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It has been very disturbing knowing that for simply obtaining a driver license, your life could be ruined one day to another by being detained by ICE. Especially for those who have families and kids, it is very alarming and has produced immeasurable fear and trauma_x000D_ _x000D_ Grupo Esperanza are part of the steering committee for SB21-131 and we are committed to working to rebuild trust with the state of Colorado. We want the state to uphold immigrant rights and take our communities into account_x000D_ _x000D_ We would like to ask you to support this law, given that it is important for the immigrant community and also the wider community of all Colorado residents. Protecting data is something that will benefit us all. For us in Colorado Springs, protecting data for vulnerable immigrant communities is important. We want to feel safe and to know that we are being considered by the state of Colorado. I ask you to vote YES on SB21-131. Thank you very much for your time_x000D_ _x000D_ Sincerely_x000D_ _x000D_ Grupo Esperanza</p>	<p>3/16/2021 10:13</p>
<p>Ana</p>	<p>Ternu-Otting</p>	<p>For</p>	<p>ACLU of Colorado</p>	<p>Uploaded file</p> <p>Members of the Committee_x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony and talk to you about why this committee should support Senate Bill 131 to protect data privacy for all Coloradans_x000D_ _x000D_ The General Assembly passed the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act and in so doing invited eligible individuals to apply for these licenses and nowhere did we say, "do so at your own risk," quite the contrary. The General Assembly decided that it was a good policy to have 251 licenses because it would bring driving safety to all Coloradans_x000D_ _x000D_ Misuse of Personal Identifying Information has been a concern of immigrant communities for years. Sharing data with ICE has ripping effects on our communities. Not only could it determine whether or not a parent is permanently separated from their child, but it also opens the door for less trust in government services, and in turn, less community health and safety. Putting immigrants in harm's way and disrupting avenues for government services is bad for families, public health and safety, businesses and employers, and humanity. The governor's office and the DMV have taken some steps to remedy this problem, but those actions alone are not enough. Our state has the responsibility to pass a permanent legislative solution that rebuilds and restores the community's trust by protecting the privacy of all Coloradans_x000D_ _x000D_ Our bill creates a consistent process for requests of personal information to be submitted, vetted, and granted when appropriate. Right now, bad actors can take advantage of loopholes in the current privacy guidance, targeting community members who have placed their trust in local government. From opening driver's license applications to all, to granting in-state tuition to undocumented Coloradans, our state has taken historic legislative steps to ensure that everyone - no matter their race, class, or immigration status - can live healthy, fulfilling lives. We must continue on this path by ensuring that when people share personal information with the government they can trust that their privacy is protected_x000D_ _x000D_ Coloradans need fair and equitable access to driver's licenses, let's not breach that trust or worse, discourage the application for such licenses and therefore jeopardize public safety. Coloradans value privacy. It is a western, Colorado value. This Bill honors that value. Vote yes_x000D_ _x000D_ Thank you for your time today_x000D_ _x000D_ Respectfully_x000D_ _x000D_ ACLU of Colorado_x000D_ _x000D_ Denise Maes, Public Policy Director_x000D_ _x000D_ Ana Ternu-Otting, Immigration Campaign Coordinator_x000D_ _x000D_ Julian Camera, Field Organizer_x000D_ _x000D_ _x000D_ _x000D_</p>	<p>3/18/2021 11:00</p>