

**House Finance****HB21-1021 Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health****Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Eric Gronemeyer  For  Self	Hello,  My name is Eric Gronemeyer and I am a Peer Support Professional in rural Southeastern Colorado. I would like to voice my support for this bill. This bill will expand the Peer Support Professional workforce, and allow new avenues in which Peer Support can be provided. By allowing Peer Support Professionals to operate outside of the box that being grant funded only puts them in. This bill would be a blessing, especially in rural areas to expand the workforce and allow Peers to be more effective in multiple areas that historically have been closed to Peer Support Professionals. This will allow us to better and more effectively serve our communities and their unique needs, especially in rural Colorado.  Sincerely,  Eric Gronemeyer