



# Brain Injury Alliance

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To the Members of the Senate Local Government Committee-

My name is Gavin Attwood and I am the Executive Director of the Brain Injury of Colorado (BIAC). BIAC serves survivors all over the state of Colorado and much of what we do includes work in the criminal justice system. We partner with jails and probation sites around the state to provide capacity building for staff and a brain injury protocol to support clients and refer them to services.

Please accept this letter as a testimony of our support for House Bill 1030. We are supporting this bill because:

1. Roughly 60% of justice-involved individuals are survivors of brain injury
2. Justice-involved survivors make up the largest percentage of referrals we receive each year
3. A federally funded grant project from 2014-2018 revealed that 75% of justice-involved brain injury survivors have a co-occurring mental health diagnosis

I can be available for follow up questions if needed.

Signed:

Title: Chief Executive Officer