

Senate Education

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HB21-1067 College Admission Use Of National Test Score

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Tina Carroll For Self	<p data-bbox="565 506 1445 575">Hello, my name is Tina Carroll, I live in southwest Denver and I am writing today to ask you to vote yes on house bill 21-1067.</p> <p data-bbox="565 663 1468 1692"> “It’s my turn to jump rope. You said I was next to have a turn on the bicycle. I finished my homework over an hour ago all by myself. I am hungry! Leave me alone.” These were all statements heard on a typical school night, in inner city Philadelphia where I, along with my 5 other sisters grew up. I lost my father in hit and run accident at very young age. He left behind 6 beautiful girls and a strong-willed wife. While each individual sister had their own personality, plan, and perception of the world ahead; we knew going to college was not any option and our way out of what we called “the hood.” After two of my sisters tried to make college a part of their life story and failed at it during the application process. I knew my life story had to have a different ending. I was a straight A student, played volleyball, ran track, and had a host of extra-curricular activities to help paint a picture of who I was during my application process, to more than 16 higher education institution. Finally, I saw options. I saw a better life because I saw college in my future. However, unfortunately, I was not admitted to any school that required a SAT or ACT score. Why? Because after taking both tests more than 3 times and scoring extremely low, I made the informed decision to withdraw my application from those institutions. Instead, I put my effort into those applications that made test score optional; institutions that made a conscious effort to see me through a lens that extended far beyond numbers. I applied to schools that saw me for me and took my personal journey of life as the most important asset that I could contribute to their institution and the students attending. Making test scores optional, made college an option. But making test score optional to many more students now and in the future, will generate more opportunities for those who never saw higher education as an option. </p> <p data-bbox="565 1724 1295 1753">That’s why I am here to ask you today to vote yes for this bill.</p> <p data-bbox="565 1785 699 1814">Thank you,</p> <p data-bbox="565 1841 704 1871">Tina Carroll</p>