

**Testimony in opposition to: SB25-059, Supports for State Response to Mass Shootings
The Firearms Coalition of Colorado**

Thank you, Chair and Committee

My name is Robert Edmiston,
I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA- affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration.

SB25-059 concerns the acquisition of "grant money" from public and private sources. One must question where this "grant money" is coming from, since it did not seem to be available during the last session. The current conservative Administration at the federal level seems less likely to provide funding than the previous liberal/progressive Administration. Have new private sources of funding appeared in the interim?

Based on the information provided by the State Legislature last year, it appears that the Legislature will have to give money to victims' organizations out of the general fund, which could have been done, but was not accomplished, during the last session.

We urge a "No" vote on this bill.

Thank you.

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Keith Emerson Amend themselves	<p>Frankly, this bill is not needed and can be safely postponed indefinitely. Write a letter to the governor instead.</p> <p>The work requested by this bill is already within the scope of the executive branch, and the governor can just direct that it be included within the existing Dept of Public Safety workload. The Fiscal Note even claims that this can be done without adding resources.</p> <p>If kept, the bill also provides a new Colorado definition for "mass shootings". There are many different definitions used for such things and this one can be deleted as it is not needed for the purpose of the bill.</p> <p>If not postponed, and thinking about incidents like the recent New Year's Eve killing of 14 and wounding of 57 in New Orleans, the bill should be modified to address not "mass shootings" but rather "mass murders".</p> <p>Thankyou.</p>
Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA	<p>Colorado PTA supports SB 59. PTA has a long history of advocating for the safety of children and youth. It is a top priority of our association to prevent and eliminate gun violence, promote the safety and well-being of all children, and ensure that all children have every opportunity to reach their full potential.</p> <p>However, we know that working to prevent and eliminate gun violence is not enough, because whether we like it or not, mass shootings continue to occur. More needs to be done to help the families of gun violence. We strongly support the intent of this bill to secure federal funds and other grant funds to help with this effort.</p>
Tom Raynes For Colorado District Attorneys Council	<p>On behalf of all 23 district attorneys, CDAC supports SB 59.</p>

