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February 15, 2019

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

**My presentation:** I am testifying in favor of HB19-1125

**My interest:** I am the Director of the Colorado School for Family Therapy founded in 1995. The School is a Private Occupational School regulated and approved by the State of Colorado Department of Higher Education Division of Private Occupational Schools (DPOS) for the education of mental health professionals (CRS 12-59). I am a three time Gubernatorial appointee. In 2005 Governor Owens appointed me as a Professional Member of the Professional Counselors Examiners Board (2005-2006). In 2007 and 2012 Governor Ritter appointed and reappointed me as the Mental Health Provider Representative on the State of Colorado Commission for Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) I have also served as an expert witness for DORA and the Attorney General's Office (2006 and 2009); and a member of the DORA MFT Professional Development Standards Committee (2010). Our School has educated hundreds of psychotherapists throughout the State since 1995 and our graduates have been elected to the leadership of professional organizations and received appointment by the Governor of Colorado to DORA regulatory boards. I am also the President and the Founder of the multidisciplinary professional organization: The Colorado Mental Health Professionals Association. COMHPA is an advocacy and civil rights organization for the six DORA regulated mental health professions in Colorado.

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My presentation: I am testifying in favor of HB10-1132

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

February 12, 2010

Email: [fearens@att.net](mailto:fearens@att.net) [www.familylife.org](http://www.familylife.org)  
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**To: Leslieinstitute@cs.com <leslieinstitute@cs.com>**  
**Subject: Re: Report**  
**Date: Wed, Dec 31, 2014 9:08 am**

**Hi Reo,**  
**The Report of Investigation is not public. §12-43-224(4), C.R.S.**  
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**Let me know if you have further questions!**  
**Happy New Year,**  
**Jacki**

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