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Dear Honorable Members of the House Public Health and
Human Services Committee:

My presentation: I am testifying in favor of HB18-1180

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). 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 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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
1100 EAST 58TH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

DATE: 10/15/2009

TO: THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR HUMANITIES
400 G ST NW
WASHINGTON DC 20540

FROM: DR. JAMES M. HAYNES, JR.

RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF THE CHICAGO CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

The Chicago Center for the Study of American Politics and Political Thought is a non-profit, non-partisan research center dedicated to the study of American politics and political thought. The center was founded in 1984 and has since that time been a leading center for the study of American politics and political thought. The center's research is interdisciplinary and includes work in political science, history, law, and philosophy. The center's research is both theoretical and empirical, and is grounded in a deep understanding of the American political system. The center's research is also highly influential, and has led to a number of important books and articles. The center's research is also highly influential, and has led to a number of important books and articles. The center's research is also highly influential, and has led to a number of important books and articles.

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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.

My testimony: HB18-1180 needs to be enacted into law because it is common sense legislation from the perspective of those of us in the challenging work inherent in the regulated mental health and behavioral health professions. This bill will allow us to get complete records of dismissed DORA complaints. The relevant DORA documentation will enable us to update record keeping procedures, improve customer care, advance professional competence mandated in Statutes, and meet the generally accepted standards of practice. HB18-1180 will promote transparency in dealings between DORA and the regulated professionals they serve. At present; in order to acquire these documents all counselors must pay the expense of hiring an attorney and seeking a court order.

In conclusion: HB18-1180 is consistent with the stated purpose of this and previous legislatures and Gubernatorial Administrations to promote openness, transparency, accountability, and disclosure in the business of Colorado State government. The bill also, as both sides of the aisle have articulated as important, helps reduce the power differential between tax paying Colorado citizens and State government entities. Thank you for your time and attention. Please ask me any questions you would like.

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