

Catherine Blake: Arvada Resident

Testimony IN SUPPORT OF HB19-1176 Health Care Cost Savings Act of 2019

My name is Catherine Blake. I live at 10960 W 65th Way in Arvada. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with a small private practice.

I worry about my son (who has no health insurance) and my partner (who purchases health insurance through the Health insurance exchange). How do they get access to affordable, high quality healthcare and needed medication at an affordable cost?

A car accident in 1998 gave me direct experience with our broken Healthcare system. I had to fight 3 insurance companies to get the help I needed to be able to work again. It was easier then, because Colorado was a no-fault state. I pay for \$100,000 med pay currently because I know accidents happen!

My stopped car was smashed from behind by someone “not paying attention.” This could happen to anyone at any time. Now people have to use their health insurance to recover from car accidents; most auto insurance policies give the paltry sum of \$5000 to pay for injuries. Please vote Yes on HB19-1176 so Coloradans can get high quality, affordable healthcare even if they suffer accidents and have inadequate or no health insurance!

Thanks for your consideration.