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DATE: 4/18/19NAME: Andrea ReitzelSB/HB # and Title: 19-238PHONE #: 3032103081PRIME SPONSORS: Danielson

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I believe that this bill will effect caregivers in a negative way. I was and am a paid caregiver for my son who is 8 years old. He had cancer at 17 months and currently has epilepsy and global developmental delays, I started all for Kids Home Health because I felt my friends in the special needs community deserved to be paid better. I felt the Reimbursement rates should allow for more toward the caregivers/parents to the Special needs child. What I found was the Reimbursement from Medicaid are not sufficient to provide large sums to the care givers. I oppose the pass through of an increase. I feel that a higher hourly wage is sufficient.

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NAME: Dr. Diane Ream

SB/HB # and Title: 19-238

PHONE #: 303-720-5984

PRIME SPONSORS: Danielson

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I believe that home health care in general and home health care workers and their patients will be negatively affected by this Bill. Home health benefits those who are disabled and at risk for nursing facility or hospital placement. This Bill, which requires an unsupportably-high percentage of Medicaid revenue to be passed on to employee caregivers, will have the opposite effect than its intention; it will hurt them because it will result in home care agencies' inability to employ them. The drafters of this Bill have not accounted for the overhead costs that must be paid as well as employee wages.

Also, I vehemently oppose the public posting of employees' personal information. This could put them in danger, and is an unnecessary violation of their privacy.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

PRINT NAME: Dr. Diane Ream

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NAME: Cathy Roland

SB/HB # and Title: SB19-238

PHONE #: 720-940-8491

PRIME SPONSORS: Senate - Danielson and Moreno

House Sponsor Kennedy and Duran

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

The way in which this bill has been presented is offensive and in my opinion a possible traumatic end to the small Home Health Agencies here in Colorado.

Besides the privacy issue, the cost of running a small agency day to day is costly and this bill would literally shut our doors permanently. I did not have time to calculate the exact figures because we were not even aware of this bill until 4-16-19. The thought of this bill passing is one of the most stressful situations we have faced since opening our agency.

Please reconsider or at least give your voters a chance to weigh every option and come up with a better solution to wage increases.

On behalf of: Little's Loving Home Services
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DATE: 4/18/19

NAME: Kamy Rob

SB/HB # and Title: PCP/CNA/QMAP

PHONE #: 303 956 8824

PRIME SPONSORS: Co Care Workers

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I am here to provide testimony to the personal caregivers and nurse aides who provide services for in home support for elderly & developmentally disabled so that they can remain in their homes. We are not paid a living wage but we support everyone for quality of living, yet we do not have quality of life. My family continues to seek help at food pantries because I have to decide do I get prescription medication for myself and my husband who lift people who are bariatric patients well over 400lbs we need pain medication & need to pay for medical bills. And we live in a city where people who work at McDonalds make better wages. ^{What does that say when} you can make ~~more~~ money slinging dead meat rather than taking care of live people. ^{often times} we work without lead Co breaks

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DATE: 4.18.19

NAME: Marilyn Rowe

SB/HB # and Title: 238-5B

PHONE #: 720.620.2264

PRIME SPONSORS: Sen. Danielson + Sen. Moreno

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I have been a home care worker for over ten years starting pay \$9.00 eleven years later I make \$12.00. Working with people with disability and mental issues is a hard task. We need higher pay and benefits so we can support our own families.

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NAME: Melinda Migdoll

SB/HB # and Title: SB19-238

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PRIME SPONSORS: _____

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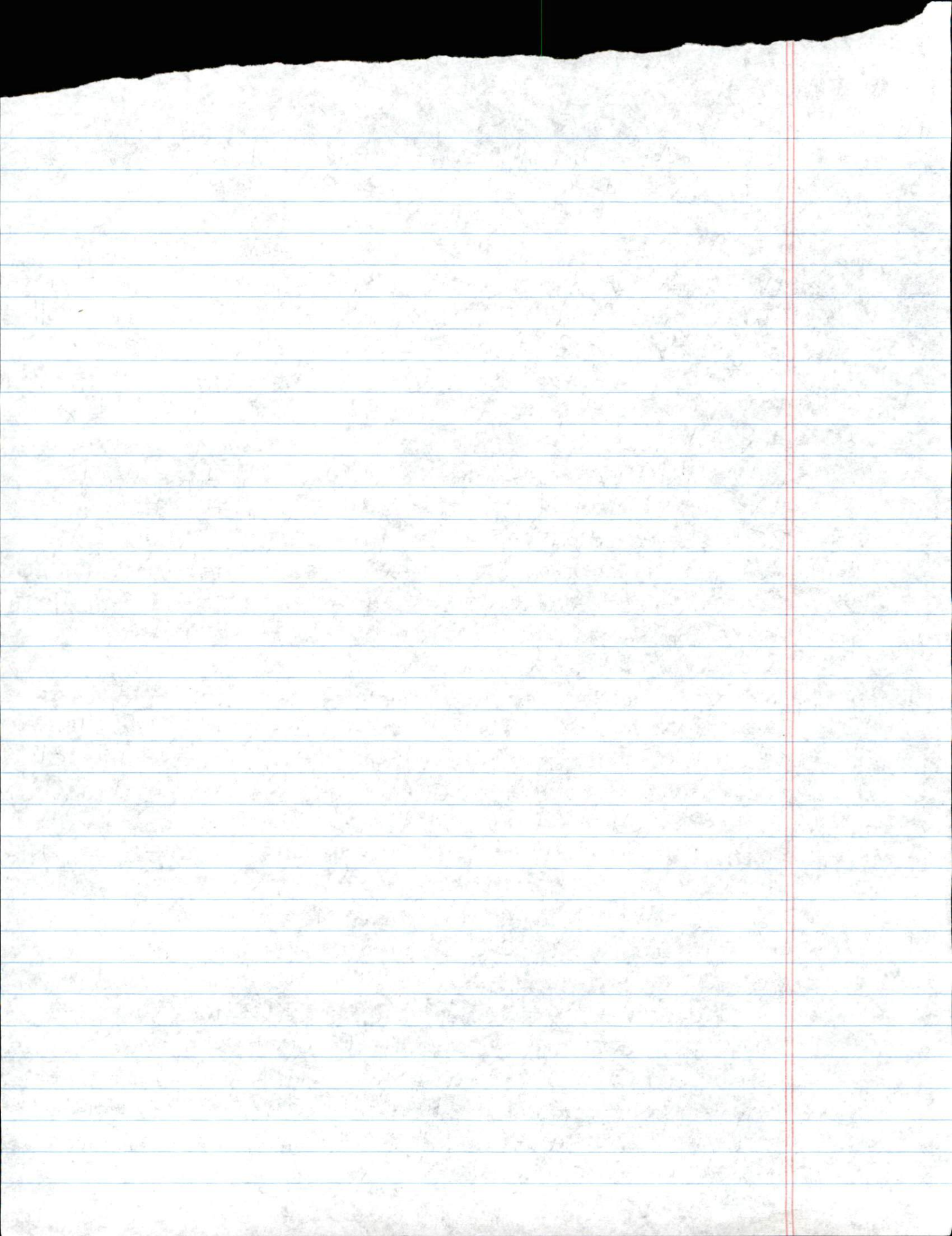
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Melinda Migdoll
April 18, 2019

Good afternoon Madame Chair and members of
the Committee,

Thank you kindly for your time today and
this wonderful opportunity to speak to you at
the Capitol today. My name is Melinda Migdoll
and I am a resident of Fort Collins, CO.
I've been in the health care industry for over
12 years and I've been honored to work for
several different resources to provide the public
with health care services that are in dire need.
I've come today to voice my opposition to SB19
238 as it would severely limit many people and
families receiving the personal care and homemaking
services that they desperately need. Some of these
tasks are very simple yet to them it's the
difference between having a good day or a bad day,
having a clean environment versus not, but most
importantly, receiving the food/supplies/ and help
needed to live a healthy life. As they are limited
in so many other ways, I would hate for them
to lose yet another ability or trait of making
them a normal, cared for person. As they sometimes
have no voice to advocate for themselves, I would
hate for them to lose yet another way to express
what they need. As they ~~also~~ sometimes have
no family or close friends to help make everything
more efficient, I would hate ~~to~~ for the caregivers
they do have to not be able to visit and provide
care they can't do themselves. This bill makes it
impossible for some in-home healthcare agencies
to employ caregivers to go out to these peoples
homes that are sometimes in very, very rural



First think about how many people's lives will be adversely affected by this bill. The keywords adversely affected do not even begin to describe the negative outcomes these people will experience if this bill passes. The clients that I've cared for depend on outside caregivers to provide services like shopping/errands, cleaning, house, cleaning self, meal preparation, and personal care relating to transfers, hygiene, assistance with exercises needed for therapy, and social interaction. I cannot bring myself to have that phone call with them stating because this state passed this bill, caregivers can't come out to their home. To have them "figure it out." To have them go through more steps and processes necessary to get the little things done that help them feel more human. To have them go without seeing another soul with another source can help. I know multiple different cases would be without, but I want us to focus on the people rather than the cases. Rather than the numbers. Please think about them.

Additionally, this bill would publicize caregivers personal information and income numbers. I don't know a single soul, or ANY INDUSTRY, that would advocate this information be public. So many things go against this idea, one being anyone can utilize the information in whatever way they choose. I don't have to elaborate on that, but I do want to talk about the rules in which caregivers can refuse their information be shared online. They have to state they have been a victim or would be a victim in order for them to keep their information safe and secure. Why advocate lying to the state? No one should have to break or bend the law to have their rightful privacy.

Thank you again for your time today.

Instead of the money it would take to relocate these clients to homes instead of them paying home care services. In these times difficult times.

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NAME: Haneen Omar

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As an Administrator of a Home Care Agency currently paying employees @ 70.5% of the current reimbursement rate. It would be impossible to sustain the agency at the proposed 77% reimbursement rate.

Our agency needs proper staff to take care of both clients and caregivers.

Take into consideration the cost to run an agency from insurance, rent, employees, tax etc.

We are currently working on very thin margins and ~~any~~ imposing a reimbursement % would only force agencies to close doors and causing a negative affect on all clients and caregivers

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