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Senate Judiciary Committee  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E Colfax Ave  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator John Kefalas,

Thank you for your consideration of this important Bill.

My name is Laurie Stolen, I have been the Director of Alternative Sentencing with Larimer County for the past 7 years. Community Service Programming is managed within the Alternative Sentencing Department.

Please accept this letter as my intent to support the passing of HB17-1056 as I am unable to be present, to testify my support of this bill, in person.

We, at Larimer County Alternative Sentencing, would be happy to add Veterans' Service Organizations to our list of community agencies to consider when placing qualified offenders for community service.

Many Veterans' Service Organizations could benefit from the placement and service of misdemeanor offenders. Under current law, VSO's are excluded from this benefit. This well written Bill would allow VSO's organized under 501(c)4 or 501(c)19 IRS designation to serve as a community service placement the same as a 501(c)3 may.

Having no fiscal impact, I see absolutely no reason NOT to unanimously support the passing of this fair and justifiable Bill.

I may be contacted to provide any further information you may be interested in.

Sincerely,

Director Laurie Stolen,  
Larimer County Alternative Sentencing Department