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Thank you Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Mariel Balbuena, and I am an Early Childhood Director at the La Plata Family Centers Coalition in Durango Colorado. I am submitting testimony in support of HB1002, Parental Involvement in Academic Activities.

I work for an organization that allows me to leave my workplace to attend my children's academic activities including parent-teacher conferences, children's performances, graduations etc. I am the mother of two children, my daughter is in second grade and my son is in preschool. I am very thankful I am able to participate in my children's academic lives. Attending their school events is vital to make them feel supported and loved outside the home environment. Last month, Mia and her dad worked really hard for her talent show. They wrote a song together, played the guitar and practiced every night in preparation for the event. Both of us were able to take time off from work to attend her presentation. My husband played the guitar while Mia sang her song about saving the ocean. Not only this benefited her self-esteem and built on her social capacity but also provided us with the invaluable memory of our daughter expressing her creativity and emotions in front of an audience. As the Early Childhood Director of the organization, I firmly believe in this bill because it is instrumental to support parent-child interactions in an academic setting, where children have the opportunity to share with us all the wonderful things they have been learning and exploring when they are not at home. In addition, this bill is extremely important to create healthy attachments in the family, it helps us to get more involved with the teachers, who spend at least 8 hours with our kids every day, so we can support them and show them our gratitude for contributing to our children's education. I believe this bill will help us achieve the ultimate goal: successful thriving children in Colorado.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to share my testimony and I respectfully ask for a yes vote on Hb-1002 for all families in Colorado.

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