

Support HB 17-1222

## Create Family Caregiver Support Fund Tax Check-off

Representative Lois Landgraf and Senator Bob Gardner

Concerning a voluntary contribution designation benefiting the family caregiver support fund that appears on the state individual tax return forms.

For 90 years, Easter Seals Colorado has been the indispensable resource for people and families challenged by today's disability. Now, as America faces a broad range of new issues, we make a major, positive, life-changing difference in the lives of people and families challenged by today's disabilities. The work they do every day is redefining disability for the 21st century. Easter Seals Colorado provides a variety of programs to address all disabilities across the lifespan, including respite care.

Family caregivers, including family members and friends, are the main providers of long-term services and supports to older adults and to individuals living with chronic health care needs or disability. By using community programs, services and supports that reduce or defer health care expenses or out-of-home placement, family caregivers, family care recipients and Colorado taxpayers can all benefit. Helping Coloradans "age in place", safely and independently, is a priority of the state's long term sustainability.

HB17-1222 creates an opportunity for taxpayers to contribute to a fund dedicated to providing support services for individuals living with chronic health care needs and family caregivers.

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