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SB24-047 Prevention of Substance Use Disorders

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Frank Cornelia For Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council	<p>Dear Members of Senate Committee on Health &amp; Human Services,</p> <p>I am Frank Cornelia, Deputy Director of the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC). I am writing in support of SB24-047. CBHC supports policies that advance prevention and harm reduction efforts. I had the opportunity to speak to the Committee in January about the need to reduce the demand on the state's treatment system. We must invest in prevention and upstream interventions. And we need to keep people alive so that they can benefit from treatment once they are ready for it and open to pursuing recovery. We want to thank the youth that brought this idea forward for their proactive response to seeing their peers struggle. We ask committee members to support this needed legislation. Thank you,</p> <p>Frank Cornelia Deputy Director CBHC 720-454-5740</p>