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SB24-157 CO Open Meetings Law for the GA

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Mary Crippen For themselves	<p>My name is Mary Crippen,"I am providing testimony to advocate for changes in the current indeterminate sentencing system and to highlight the importance of implementing mandatory treatment programs for inmates. My personal experience has driven me to speak out and push for reforms that can positively impact both inmates and their families."</p> <p>"I want to address the uncertainty surrounding my son's release date as an inmate due to the current indeterminate sentencing system. I also want to emphasize the importance of mandatory treatment programs for offenders before they are considered for parole."</p> <p>"I want the legislation to address the elimination of indeterminate sentences, implementation of mandatory minimum determinate sentences, and specify which *** offenders may complete treatment in the community while serving the community portion of the *** offender treatment." state's failure to provide timely treatment for incarcerated *** offenders. This failure not only affects the offenders themselves but also their families and the taxpayers who ultimately bear the cost of their incarceration. The address should emphasize how indeterminate sentences and mandatory treatment programs are meant to rehabilitate offenders and protect society, but when these programs are not provided in a timely manner, it leads to a cycle of recidivism and further harm to both the offenders and the community. It is crucial to call upon the legislature to take action and allocate resources to ensure that all *** offenders have access to the necessary treatment programs while incarcerated, as it is not only a matter of justice but also a responsibility towards the safety and well-being of society as a whole. The failures of the state in providing these mandatory programs not only let down the incarcerated offender but also their family members who may have been counting on their loved one's rehabilitation, as well as the taxpayers who expect their money to be used effectively for the betterment of</p>

	<p>society. By addressing these issues, we can urge the legislature to prioritize and address this important matter for the sake of all those affected by it.</p>
<p>Dana Duggan Amend Integrity Matter</p>	<p>1. All meetings, including and especially local governments like the Developer-run Colorado Springs, should be video streamed and recorded for the public to watch as well as downloadable to transcribe meetings. 2. Today, with digitization, the public should not have to pay for documents, but should be able to search municipality websites to freely download digitized information. 3. With this type access and transparency, there's much less fear of backroom deals. If there's nothing to hide, then let's make it publicly accessible. 4. Texts involving public business most definitely count as doing public business. They should be accessible to the public. Use technology to allow unfettered access to meetings by streaming all meetings, to emails, texts, government documents, and then there is nothing for the public to fear. Lastly, HB24-1296 is an affront to transparency in governance and dramatically restricts the people's access to understanding what our leaders are doing. For example, many citizens have asked the City of COS to provide the plans, costs, projected bus traffic and routes for a new FIVE LANE bridge being installed (without a public meeting) in North Cheyenne Canon Park for the Broadmoor buses. Our City for over a month now has denied us those documents. We will likely have to file a CORA to get them. Under HB24-1296, our leaders could, with wide discretion, deem us "Vexatious" causing us to have to hire lawyers to go to court to fight this branding. George Orwell's Ministry of Truth comes to life. Thank you.</p>