



February 16, 2024

The Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living (ACCIL) would like to make clear our statement of support of **HB24-1165**. We support all measures of accessibility in air travel in and through Denver International Airport (DIA) for people with disabilities. This access is of particular importance and in need of the imposition of a set of duties on the Denver airport authority by established times for accessibility related functions at DIA. The association also supports the implementation of a fine system for noncompliance with the duties and functions to any entity in violation.

As the nine (9) Colorado Centers for Independent Living Directors we wish to collectively emphasize the importance of allowing consumers of our support services the right to lead, live and choose independently. This philosophy of equity is echoed in the proposed legislation we are supporting.

We look forward to the passing of a bill that contributes to the quality of lives for everyone, including Coloradans with disabilities. Thank you for your service to our great state.

Considerately,

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February 15, 2024

Re: Support for HB24-1165, Denver Airport Accessibility

To Whom It May Concern:

The Independence Center is the local home of civil rights for people with disabilities. Working with individuals, their families, and the community, we create independence so that all may thrive.

Our organization provides information, resources, and support to help people with disabilities live, learn, work, play, and participate in civic life as equals.

For this reason, we would like to make clear our statement of support for HB24-1165, Denver Airport Accessibility. We appreciate efforts to make our airport accessible to individuals with disabilities and appreciate efforts to ensure that the various equipment that many individuals use is cared for properly.

We look forward to the passage of a bill that contributes to the quality of lives for everyone, including Coloradans with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important legislation.

Respectfully,



Indy Frazee, CEO