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**SB26-137 – Letter of Support**

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing both as Chair of the Governmental Affairs Council for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC and as President + CEO of Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families, a nonprofit that provides youth services and is tasked with building childcare capacity in the Pikes Peak Region.

As you can appreciate, our Chamber is composed of a cross-section of leaders, including construction, real estate, financial services, defense contractors, utilities and even nonprofit organizations like mine. Because we are all experiencing red tape overload that significantly threatens Colorado's business climate and thus the availability of jobs for our citizenry, our Chamber leaders have designated this bill as one of the Chamber's highest legislative priorities.

As CEO of Joint Initiatives I can specifically speak to the childcare field. We are especially feeling the effects of burdensome regulations, which are contributing to our local childcare desert: we have 47,000 children in El Paso County and only 18,500 licensed spots.

Thank you to the sponsors for bringing this legislation forward that has the potential to create efficiencies, reduce burdens, and ultimately a balance in our regulatory frameworks.

Sincerely,

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President + CEO