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Members of the Senate Committee for State, Veterans and Military Affairs:

The Colorado District Attorneys' Council, which is privileged to represent all twenty-three elected District Attorneys in the Centennial State, is proud to support SB25-059, **Supports for State Response to Mass Shootings**. The policy soundly ensures that material funding for how law enforcement and first responders is sought by the Department of Public Safety. We also are very excited about the additional requirement to inquire into funding to support services for victims and survivors of shootings which more than four people are injured or killed.

This policy not only recognizes the devastation caused by these incidents, but the priority and duties of the State to respond to such terrible tragedies. As the prosecutors who seek justice in these cases, we are proud to enthusiastically support SB25-059.

We are happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Dotter
Staff Attorney
Colorado District Attorneys' Council

**Testimony in opposition to: SB25-059, Supports for State Response to Mass Shootings
The Firearms Coalition of Colorado**

Thank you, Chair and Committee

My name is Robert Edmiston,
I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA- affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration.

SB25-059 concerns the acquisition of "grant money" from public and private sources. One must question where this "grant money" is coming from, since it did not seem to be available during the last session. The current conservative Administration at the federal level seems less likely to provide funding than the previous liberal/progressive Administration. Have new private sources of funding appeared in the interim?

Based on the information provided by the State Legislature last year, it appears that the Legislature will have to give money to victims' organizations out of the general fund, which could have been done, but was not accomplished, during the last session.

We urge a "No" vote on this bill.

Thank you.

Robert Edmiston
Volunteer Lobbyist
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Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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SB25-059 Supports for State Response to Mass Shootings

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Michelle Neibauer Against themselves	Vehemently against this bill and the continued egregious disregard for our constitutional rights. Continuing to attack the rights of sportsmen and women in this state is not going to address the root of the problem. Address mental health....that is where you should be spending Coloradans money....this bill is just another attempt to erode the rights of Colorado citizens.
Mitch Heuer Against themselves	<p>What is the goal? saving innocent lives.</p> <p>SB25-003 misses the mark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both sides of the isle share the desire to save innocent lives.• Criminals do not abide by the rules.• "Gun Free Zone" do the exact opposite of their intended use, they tell a criminal "come in and shoot us at will, we will not defend ourselves, guns are bad"• SB25-003 would essentially declare to the criminals that Colorado is easier to commit brutal acts of crime, declaring Colorado as a "gun free zone".• The most civil society will be achieved by a DEFENSIVELY, properly trained and armed citizenry.• Gunmen in two recent Colorado shootings — in 2021 at a Boulder King Soopers and in 2023 at a nightclub in Colorado Springs — used magazines banned under state law and had large-capacity magazine charges added. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE of criminals not abiding by the law!• Ask any law enforcement this..Who generally wins a gun fight? The person with the most ammo is the common response, harmful bills like this essentially reduce the volume of good people that are armed, ready, willing and prepared to come to the rescue when, NOT IF, a bad guy does bad things.• If firearms are outlawed then only outlaws will have them.• Pencils do not make people fail tests, just as guns do not kill people.• Most existing firearms have a removable magazine, making them illegal is unconstitutional and would be chaos to enforce.

	<p>If we want to save the lives of our school kids then we must implement measures that are available, anything less, including poorly thought-out bills is imprudent and those that impose such nonsense should be held liable and or voted out.</p> <p>IF YOU ARE SERIOUS about saving lives, especially in our schools, then let me offer some help. HEUER DEFENSE INC can protect facilities</p> <p>https://heuerdefense.com/</p>
<p>Jeff Cole Against themselves</p>	<p>Stop messing with our rights as US citizens.</p>
<p>Richard Koepfel Against themselves</p>	<p>I Oppose this bill, this is just More government overreach and another attempt to get more money to pursue the Anti-Gun agenda. I have seen some of the commercials on TV, all they do is try to make the public feel guilty that they have a firearm to protect themselves and their family. I you get federal funds, it should go to programs like the Ben Lomond Gun club, www.blgc.org and others that promote firearm safety and usage to the youth and young adults, so they can learn to use and respect firearms safely and respectfully.</p>
<p>Maxwell Hayes Against themselves</p>	<p>As per the end of goverment grants no government agency shall be accepting ay money for any reason. Especially not because democrats like Sullivan put kids life in danger and then want to ciphone money from goverment protection scams. You can't say democrat politicians care about human life let alone te lives of children 14,691 babies have been aborted in colorado. It's a genocide lead by democrats like Sullivan the corruptt</p>
<p>Leif Sigstedt Against themselves</p>	<p>I strongly oppose this bill on the grounds that, even though it doesn't appear to do so by its plain text, this money will almost certainly be used towards programs that do not respect basic constitutional rights, as well as privacy and the due process protections of law-abiding citizens, and are therefore illegal and unconstitutional. I also believe that our federal tax money should not ever be used to fund these types of programs for the same reason. Please join me and everyone I know in opposing this bill by voting NO. Thanks for your time and your consideration.</p>