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Dear Honorable Members of the House HIE Committee,

**My presentation:** I would like to speak in favor of HB19-1125 before you today 3-7-2019.

**My interest:** My name is Mary Ann Ursich and I am the Co-Owner and Director of Community Solutions, founded in 2012. Community Solutions is an addiction and family counseling agency regulated and approved by the State of Colorado Office of Behavioral Health. At Community Solutions, I Supervise and am part of a dedicated team who provide a safe and encouraging environment to help people move forward in the right direction. In addition to my work with Community Solutions I have developed programs and educational services to assist people in my community struggling with addiction. I have extensive experience in the judicial field, addiction and family counseling, and adult education. In addition to providing addiction counseling services in the community, I am also a trainer for addiction counselors to assist in increasing the population of addiction counselors to help serve the needs of community members in need of treatment. I am a consumer, community member, a business owner, and mental health professional licensed by DORA in Colorado.

I am here today to request approval of the bill before you on behalf of members in the community whom are mental health professionals and active members of the community.

Enacting HB18-1180 would promote transparency, congruency between community and professionals and continued professional development for professionals registered with DORA. Complainants will appropriately be protected through the redaction of identifying information. Nothing in the bill in front of you infringes on the civil rights of consumers nor prevents them from seeking redress under the law or receive their records.

Just like our clients, mental health professionals are hardworking Colorado citizens, voters, constituents, and members of the public. We deserve some degree of protection and freedom from harassment. Respondent notification of the complaint will permit Respondents to address complaints in a professional development setting, promoting longevity in services provided.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of HB19-1125.

Sincerely,



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