



MICHAEL J. ROURKE
District Attorney

ROBERT W. MILLER
Assistant District Attorney

Office of the District Attorney
Nineteenth Judicial District

9... ..
P.O. Box 1167
Greeley, CO 80632
Phone: (970) 356-4010
Fax: (970) 352-8023
www.weldda.com

April 29, 2019

Representative Lori Saine
House District 63
Delivered via email

Re: Letter of Support for HB19-1334

Dear Rep. Saine,

Please accept this letter as an offer of support for House Bill 19-1334, Concerning a Prohibition on Disseminating an Image of a Minor Committing Suicide.

As you are aware, teen suicide continues to be a significant and troubling public health concern in all of our communities in this State. House Bill 19-1334 is common sense legislation aimed at preventing the spread of images of young people harming themselves. Certainly, this bill, as drafted, will prevent unscrupulous individuals glorifying these acts, or worse, using these images as a weapon against other intended victims.

We have heard of the horror stories of teens trying to convince others to commit suicide through electronic means or making public the last moments of a teen's life. There is no rational reason for such material to be disseminated to others. This bill will give us the tool necessary to hold offenders accountable for such transgressions.

I strongly support this bill and would urge the Colorado General Assembly to pass this bill on for the signature of the Governor.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Rourke
District Attorney