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To: Members of the Colorado House of Representatives

From:

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Re: SB13-039, Licensure for Audiologists in Colorado

Dear legislators,

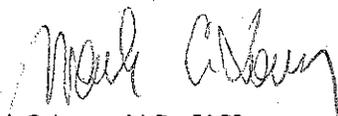
I am writing on behalf of Colorado Audiologists to provide my support of Senate Bill 13-039, continuing licensure for Audiologists in the state of Colorado. I have practiced in Northern Colorado since 1994 and believe that licensure is essential and will ensure that only qualified audiologists would practice audiology in Colorado. Licensure affords ongoing measures of consumer protection particularly for the pediatric and geriatric population, two important groups whose consumer protection rights are particularly critical.

I understand that a recent letter received from the American Academy of Otolaryngology indicated that SB13-039 allows Audiologists to expand their scope of practice, but that is not the case. The content of the bill is not controversial, and is consistent with recommendations provided by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). It simply continues the regulation of audiologists and current law regarding the consumer protection provisions in the sale of hearing aids.

I am privileged to experience an ongoing professional partnership with audiologists in this state and would urge you to vote in favor of SB13-039 to continue providing joint hearing health care for consumers.

Thank you for your time and dedicated service. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mark C. Loury, M.D., FACS

Cc: Colorado Academy of Audiology