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The Honorable Senator Mike Johnston, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Senate Committee Room 354
Denver, CO 80203

Re: SB13-029 Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Tax Checkoff Creation – Support

Dear Senator Johnston and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Housing Colorado Board of Directors, I am writing to register Housing Colorado's support for SB 13-029. SB 13-029 will create a voluntary contribution fund and designation line for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado on the state individual income tax return form.

Housing Colorado is the statewide association for businesses, non-profits, and local governments who work every day to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for every Coloradan. Habitat for Humanity is a strategic partner in Colorado, using a self-help model, volunteer labor, and community support, they partner with working families making less than half of the area median income to transform communities and lives. Once placed on the tax forms as a checkoff option, Habitat for Humanity of Colorado estimates that unrestricted revenues for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado could increase by as much as \$150,000 annually – allowing the organization to build capacity throughout Colorado and provide more hard working families with the opportunity to own their own home, stabilize their families, and permanently break the cycle of poverty and achieve self sufficiency.

Housing Colorado respectfully asks for your support of SB13-029.

Sincerely,

Sara Reynolds

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