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Dear Mr. Lugo:

We are proud to support this proposal to the Administration on Community Living for the “Transforming State LTSS Access Functions into A No Wrong Door System for All Populations and All Payers: Statewide Implementation” funding opportunity.

In July 2012, I established the Office of Community Living which created the Community Living Advisory Group (CLAG) to explore changes and improvements to Colorado’s long-term services and supports system. Simultaneously, Colorado’s Community Living Plan (CCLP), Colorado’s Response to the Olmstead Decision, provides specific goals and strategies for all Coloradans to live in the home of their choice with the services they need so that they can be active members of their communities.

Over the last 12 months, based on the recommendations that emerged from the CLAG and CCLP as well as through extensive engagement with key stakeholders across the state, Colorado has been hard at work developing a three-year implementation plan for a statewide No Wrong Door system. Our work is the bedrock of Colorado’s vision for an LTSS NWD system out of which we have generated this proposal.

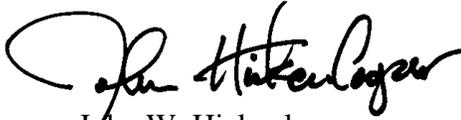
Through this proposal, Colorado will work to implement a community organizational pilot to test the NWD system in different areas of the state.

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department), the single state Medicaid agency, will serve as Colorado’s designated fiscal agent and primary implementing state agency responsible for leading the overall initiative. The Department will work closely with the Colorado Department of Human Services’ Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and the Office of Community Access and Independence, which houses the State Unit on Aging (SUA) and the

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) (which will be moving to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment), to develop and implement the proposed NWD System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor