

Corey Engle
HB 19-1120
Attachment B

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Halima Mberwa, and I am a youth member at The Bridge Project. I am writing you because I think the youth suicide prevention bill is important for young children in need of outpatient psychotherapy services. I care about this because I have a close friend who would have benefitted from getting the help she needed instead of trying to hurt herself.

I want you to know some facts about this problem: First, suicide was considered the 7th leading cause of death for all Coloradans since 2016. Secondly, for every 100,000 kids from the age 5-14, at least 40 were hospitalized for suicide. I would greatly appreciate it if you would vote in favor of HB19-1120.

I greatly appreciate your willingness to listen to my testimony and think about how this bill can change youth suicide rates in Colorado for the better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Halima Mberwa