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To the Honorable House Members,

The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) supports in full the passing of HB18-1273, this bill will Protect Colorado Residents from Federal Government Overreach. In this moment of our history, it is especially important to be the Colorado that marked a crucial change in the trajectory of Civil Rights of The United States of North America, in 1978 was Colorado's Citizens with Disabilities who started one of the most important movements of the last century.

The Disability Civil Rights movement showed that discriminating on the basis of disability as any other type of discrimination such as race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation is inhumane, therefore unacceptable.

As stated by Colorado's General Assembly in this bill:

“ ... Colorado has been a beacon of hope against inhumane practices. The Colorado general assembly is aware that history often repeats itself. History has demonstrated that the demonization of communities leading to internment camps and the deprivation of human rights, constitutional rights, and civil rights is often rooted in the overreach of federal policies...”

Because of these reasons, CCDC representing the Disability Community, strongly supports the passing of HB18-1273. Colorado must continue its proud tradition to support and provide for the needs of groups who have and continue to suffer systematic social discriminatory treatment. And, we respectfully request to add “Disability” to the list of protected classes included herein.

CCDC and the Disability Community expresses its gratitude to Reps. J. Salazar and D. Esgar for bringing and sponsoring such great piece of legislation, to the Colorado General Assembly and to the House of Representatives for hearing it and considering it.