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The Honorable Tonya Van Beber
Colorado House of Representatives
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Denver, CO 80203

RE: Support for H.B. 22-1236, The Parent's Bill of Rights

Dear Representative Van Beber,

On behalf of our thousands of supporters in Colorado, we write to you today in strong support of the bill that you and your colleagues introduced, H.B. 22-1236, The Parent's Bill of Rights.

This critical bill will enshrine into Colorado state law that parental rights are fundamental, as the U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized in the leading cases protecting parental rights as a fundamental right. *See, e.g., Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923), *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, 268 U.S. 510 (1925), *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205 (1972), and *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000).

Colorado's Supreme Court has long agreed, "recognizing that the right to parent one's children is a fundamental liberty interest." *T.W. v. M.C. (In the Interest of Baby A)*, 363 P.3d 193, 201 (Colo. 2015). *See also, e.g., Glab v. Julian (In re B.J.)*, 242 P.3d 1128 (Colo. 2010) and *N.F. v. R.A., Jr. (In re Adoption of C.A.)*, 137 P.3d 318 (Colo. 2006). H.B. 22-1236 will enshrine this judicial protection of parental rights into Colorado's state code, further protecting parental rights.

If H.B. 22-1236 is passed into law, Colorado will become the fifteenth state in the nation to enshrine parental rights as a fundamental right in state code.

Additionally, H.B. 22-1236 will provide parents of children in Colorado's public schools with concrete rights concerning the education, privacy, and safety of their children. H.B. 22-1236 will put into Colorado law some of the strongest protections for parents and children in the nation.

ParentalRights.org is proud to support this critical and timely piece of legislation. At a time when it seems that government is encroaching more and more on loving parents and their ability to care for, educate, and raise their children, H.B. 22-1236 provides strong legal protections to Colorado parents so that parents – not bureaucrats – are the ones legally protected to make the important decisions necessary to protect, raise, care for, and educate their children, so that their children can grow and thrive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached via phone at 540-751-1200, or via email at will@parentalrights.org.

Very truly yours,



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