

Testimony on SB25B-007,
Immigration Status Low-Income Health Insurance Coverage

Colorado PTA Opposes Senate Bill 7.

PTA recognizes the importance of immigrants in the history of the United States and the resulting blend of cultures enriches our nation. PTA also believes that all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right of access to quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic **health care**. We support laws and policies that support the general good health, nutrition, emotional well-being, and mental health of **all Colorado children**, youth, and their families. We oppose laws and policies that would deprive children and youth of health care.

Further, federal, state, and local entities have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of children by offering health care and other social services needed in their areas. Longstanding research and studies have shown that denying these services to children, regardless of their immigration status, can endanger communities and create serious health and social concerns

It is in the national interest to ensure all children, including children in immigrant and mixed status families, have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.

Because Senate Bill 25B – 007 deprives children of their access to healthcare—we strongly oppose this bill. Thank you for your consideration of Colorado PTA’s position.
