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Dear Honorable Chair Mullica, Vice Chair Michaelson Jenet, Members of the Colorado Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and your respected staff,

Board of Directors:

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The Community Access National Network writes today respectfully in **SUPPORT** to **SB 124**, which would support the original intent of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program in Colorado by providing sufficient oversight to ensure the program appropriately serves patients, particularly those living with HIV and other chronic health conditions.

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The Community Access National Network (CANN) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization focusing on public policy issues relating to HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis. CANN's mission is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or viral hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking.

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While CANN is primarily focused on policy matters affecting access to care for people living with and affected by HIV, we stand in firm support of all people living with chronic and rare diseases and recognize the very reality of those living with multiple health conditions and the necessity of timely, personalized care for every one of those health conditions. The 340B Drug Pricing Program is of profound importance to our community.

National Programs:

340B Action Center
PDAB Action Center
Transgender Leadership in HIV Advocacy

SB 124 supports the well recognized need for transparency and accountability for hospitals utilizing the 340B drug pricing program. While creating parity in reporting that grantees are already required by HRSA to do.

HIV/HCV Co-infection Watch

National Groups:

Hepatitis Education, Advocacy & Leadership
(HEAL) Group
Industry Advisory Group (IAG)
National ADAP Working Group (NAWG)

The 340B program was designed to enable covered entities, including hospitals and clinics, to stretch limited federal resources and provide more comprehensive services to low-income and uninsured patients. However, without adequate oversight and transparency, there remains a risk that the savings from this program may not be fully reinvested in patient care as intended. **SB 25** takes a crucial step toward ensuring that hospitals participating in the 340B program demonstrate accountability in how these savings are allocated.

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The 340B Drug Pricing Program is a lifeline for Federally Qualified Health Centers, the clinics who provide vital care to communities who need it most. 340B provides essential funding for Community Oncology clinics providing cancer treatment closer to communities far from Denver. It also supports the work of programs like the AIDS Drug Assistance Program which is the only named Grantee in the 340B legislation making lifesaving treatment and services possible throughout the great state of Colorado.

By requiring increased reporting and transparency measures, **SB 124** will help guarantee that patients directly benefit from the program's cost reductions. This legislation will strengthen the integrity of the 340B program while fostering public trust and ensuring that resources are directed toward expanding access to essential healthcare services.

To be clear, CANN supports a strong 340B program. When 340B operates the way it is intended, safety-net providers thrive and vulnerable communities, families, and individuals gain access to healthcare they might otherwise not have. CANN welcomes discussion on instituting appropriate legislation that would serve to strengthen the program, shield good stewards, and hold accountable bad actors within the appropriate limitations of state powers associated with this federal program.

I urge the Colorado General Assembly to pass **SB 124** and uphold the commitment to improving healthcare affordability and equity. Thank you for your leadership in addressing this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information or assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Sincerely,
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On behalf of
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