

Date

[Name of Staffer, if applicable]

The Honorable [first name, last name]

State of Colorado House of Representatives [or Senate]

Address

City/State/Zip

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

My name is [First Name, Last Name] and I am a constituent from [Town/City]. I want to introduce myself to you and let you know that I would like to request your support of Trauma-specific healthcare state legislation and funding. Trauma is the #1 cause of death in all pediatrics as well as ages 1-44 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, traumatic-injuries have a cost of more than \$671 billion in 2013 nation-wide in both medical and work-loss costs (CDC) and have long term effects including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, chronic pain, and mobility and cognitive changes. Trauma advocacy is supported by numerous organization at federal, state and local levels but despite the prevention efforts being done the costs associated with it continue to grow, putting a growing financial burden not only on healthcare facilities, but to the residents of the State of Colorado as well.

I am an employee of [Your hospital name and trauma center level] trauma center within your area, and I see firsthand the devastating, long-term impact that trauma can have on individuals, families, and healthcare systems.

I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important topic and hope we can set up a time to talk in person about how we can make positive changes for the prevention, treatment, and financial support of traumatic injuries in Colorado.

Sincerely,

*Sign your name if mailing*

[Your first name & Last Name]

Street Address

City, State Zip