



Housing Colorado
Voice and action for affordable housing.

Support for HB19-1228

Housing Colorado Executive Director Elena Wilken gave testimony to the House Finance committee on March 21, 2019 in support of **HB19-1228 – Increase the State Tax Credit Program**. The bill successfully passed out of the committee. Excerpt of ED Wilken’s testimony:

“You will hear from other stakeholder groups that while housing is important, there are other more important issues for state funding: transportation, education and health care, to name the big three. I would encourage you to consider that safe, affordable housing is the foundation which determines all other quality of life metrics. It is perhaps self-evident that kids who experience home instability do less well in school. Families that spend more than 50% of their income on housing forgo routine healthcare and buy lower quality food. Commuters who have to ‘drive to qualify’ spend additional income on transportation costs and increase the congestion on our roadways. Without sufficient affordable housing communities are unable to attract employers and keep employees, thereby undermining their economic stability.”