

**Testimony in Support of HB18-1193, Extend Advanced Placement Incentives Program  
House Education – February 12, 2018 – Leslie Colwell**

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- Good afternoon Madam Chair and members of the committee. My name is Leslie Colwell, and I'm with the Colorado Children's Campaign, here today to testify in support of House Bill 1193.
- The AP program is one of many in Colorado that provides students with the opportunity to experience rigorous coursework and earn college credit, yet we know that there are additional challenges to providing these courses in rural parts of the state.
- The incentives program was established to meet some of these challenges, leading to new AP programs in four rural districts and expanded AP offerings in 15 rural school districts in its first three years of operation.
- Research identifies a correlation between AP participation and success and postsecondary enrollment and completion. Our rural students deserve the same access to these rigorous courses, which is why we're glad to see Reps. McLachlan and Wilson bring this bill to reauthorize the program.
- Thank you for your time.