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A NOTE FROM PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR DENISE MAES

120 DAYS. That's how long the 2019 legislative session lasted. And within those 120 days, we plotted an ambitious legislative agenda with 14 proactive bills, of which 13 passed and were signed into law. We championed legislation that will, for the first time in our state's history, fund comprehensive sex education for schools seeking to adopt such a curriculum. We were also able to lift up legislation that will bring some relief to our immigrant friends and neighbors, and we advanced legislation that will reform aspects of our cruel bail system. You made this happen and we thank you for your help and support.

As you know, direct communication with your elected officials is a valuable way to encourage them to stand up for freedom and protect civil liberties. We encourage you to use this scorecard to give your state representative and senator feedback on their votes in the 2019 legislative session. *Sine die* is Latin for the phrase "without assigning another meeting," and it's the term people under the dome use to describe the last day of the legislative session. *Sine die* was May 3, but its not too late to let legislators know where you stand.

ABOUT THIS SCORECARD

HOW WE CHOSE THE SCORED BILLS

While the ACLU of Colorado took a position on more than 100 pieces of legislation in 2019 alone, our practice is to only score bills that were voted on by all members of at least one legislative chamber. This precluded us from scoring several bills, including attacks on reproductive rights that were rightly defeated in committee. From there, we chose the bills that we felt were the best representatives of the civil liberties issues facing Colorado today.

PURPOSE OF THE SCORECARD

The purpose of this scorecard is to inform our supporters and the general public of where their legislators stand on civil liberties issues. Legislators may promise many things while running for office, but there is no substitute for an actual vote. The scorecard is in no way meant to be construed as an endorsement of legislators who score well, or a statement of opposition against those who do not.

ACLU PERCENT

The ACLU percent reflects the percentage of scored bills in which each legislator voted favorably with the ACLU's position. If a legislator did not vote on a particular bill (marked as "A" for "absent" on the scorecard) their percentage score does not include that bill.

BY THE NUMBERS

Days in the 2019 legislative session	120	Bills ACLU opposed that failed to pass into law	9
Legislators in both the House and Senate	100	Calls to legislators	3,683
Hearings where ACLU staff testified	38	Texts to legislators	2,046
Bills ACLU tracked	83	Postcards to legislators	175
Bills ACLU supported that passed into law	27	ACLU Lobby Day and Annual Dinner attendees	300
Bills ACLU led that passed into law	13	ACLU activists trained	78

1

HB19-1032: Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education
Creates a $1 million program so schools can provide students with the tools they need to make healthy choices, ensures sex education programs are inclusive and do not shame or stigmatize students. This bill also incorporates conversations about consent and healthy relationships into the range of topics required for schools that choose to teach comprehensive sex education.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
Signed by Gov. Polis

2

HB19-1042: Extend Court Jurisdiction for Vulnerable Youth
Extends court jurisdiction for abandoned, abused, or neglected immigrant youth between 18 and 21 so that they can apply for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, which provides a pathway to lawful permanent residency. The bill also allows courts to appoint guardians for these vulnerable youth, which promotes their long-term well-being and stability.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
Signed by Gov. Polis

3

HB19-1263: Offense Level for Controlled Substance Possession
Changes low-level drug felony possession to a misdemeanor and provides substance abuse and mental health services for those incarcerated and struggling with addiction.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
Signed by Gov. Polis

4

HB19-1266: Restore Voting Rights for Parolees
In a major victory for America's core tenet that, in a democracy, voting is a right, not a privilege, this bill restores voting rights to the more than 10,000 Coloradans on parole who work, pay taxes, raise their families and contribute to their local communities but were stripped of their vote and voice.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
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5

SB19-191: Prompt Pretrial Liberty And Fairness
Mickey Howard was jailed for five days on a $10 bond because he could not pay $80 in fees. This bill allows people to post bond within two hours, ensures people are released within four hours after posting bond and limits excessive fees to no more than $10 in order to prevent Coloradans from languishing in jail.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
Signed by Gov. Polis

6

HB19-1119: Peace Officer Internal Investigation Open Records
After 18-year-old Alexis Acker was assaulted by police and taxpayers paid a $100,000 settlement, the public was denied access to the internal investigative files. This bill promotes government transparency and accountability by allowing public access to these files after the investigation is complete.

PASSED
ACLU Supported
Passed House & Senate
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✓ **Fields with the check voted with the ACLU**

X **Fields with the "X" opposed the ACLU**

A **Fields with the "A" indicate absent for vote, does not impact score**

1 **Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education**

2 **Extend Court Jurisdiction for Vulnerable Youth**

3 **Offense Level for Controlled Substance Possession**

4 **Restore Voting Rights for Parolees**

5 **Prompt Pretrial Liberty and Fairness**

6 **Peace Officer Internal Investigation Open Records**

HOUSE		1	2	3	4	5	6	ACLU %
D	Arndt, Jeni James	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
R	Baisley, Mark	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Becker, KC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Beckman, Susan	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	33%
D	Benavidez, Adrienne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Bird, Shannon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
R	Bockenfeld, Rod	X	X	✓	X	X	X	17%
R	Buck, Perry	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Buckner, Janet	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Buentello, Bri	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	67%
D	Caraveo, Yadira	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
R	Carver, Terri	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
R	Catlin, Marc	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Coleman, James	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Cutter, Lisa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Duran, Monica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Esgar, Daneya	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Exum, Tony	A	A	A	✓	A	✓	100%
D	Froelich, Meg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Galindo, Rochelle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Garnett, Alec	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Geitner, Tim	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
D	Gonzales-Gutierrez, Serena	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Gray, Matt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Hansen, Chris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Herod, Leslie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Hooton, Edie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Humphrey, Stephen	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Jackson, Dominique	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Jaquez Lewis, Sonya	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Kennedy, Chris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Kipp, Cathy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Kraft-Tharp, Tracy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
R	Landgraf, Lois	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	33%
R	Larson, Colin	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%

HOUSE

	Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	ACLU %
R	Lewis, Kimmi	A	X	A	X	A	X	0%
R	Liston, Larry	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
D	Lontine, Susan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	McCluskie, Julie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
R	McKean, Hugh	X	X	X	A	✓	X	20%
D	McLachlan, Barbara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
D	Melton, Jovan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Mullica, Kyle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Neville, Patrick	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
R	Pelton, Rod	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
R	Ransom, Kim	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
R	Rich, Janice	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	50%
D	Roberts, Dylan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Saine, Lori	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	33%
R	Sandridge, Shane	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	33%
D	Singer, Jonathan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Sirota, Emily	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Snyder, Marc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Soper, Matt	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	33%
D	Sullivan, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
D	Tipper, Kerry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Titone, Brianna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Valdez, Donald	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Valdez, Alex	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
R	Van Winkle, Kevin	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
D	Weissman, Mike	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Will, Perry	X	A	X	X	X	A	0%
R	Williams, Dave	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	33%
R	Wilson, James	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%

SENATE

	Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	ACLU %
D	Bridges, Jeff	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%
R	Cooke, John	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
R	Coram, Don	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	67%
D	Court, Lois	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Crowder, Larry	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	33%
D	Danielson, Jessie	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%
D	Donovan, Kerry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Fenberg, Stephen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Fields, Rhonda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Foote, Mike	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Garcia, Leroy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Gardner, Bob	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Ginal, Joann	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Gonzales, Julie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Hill, Owen	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	50%
R	Hisey, Dennis	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
R	Holbert, Chris	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	33%
D	Lee, Pete	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	X	80%
R	Lundeen, Paul	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
R	Marble, Vicki	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	50%
D	Moreno, Dominick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Pettersen, Brittany	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Priola, Kevin	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
R	Rankin, Bob	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
D	Rodriguez, Robert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R	Scott, Ray	X	A	X	X	X	X	0%
R	Smallwood, Jim	X	A	X	X	✓	X	20%
R	Sonnenberg, Jerry	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
D	Story, Tammy	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%
R	Tate, Jack	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	33%
D	Todd, Nancy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Williams A., Angela	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
D	Winter, Faith	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%
R	Woodward, Rob	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
D	Zenzinger, Rachel	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%