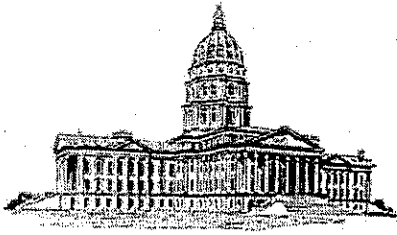


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To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
Date: February 15, 2018
RE: SB 340
From: Representative Susan Humphries, 99th District
In Support

Dear Chairman Estes and members of the committee,

I am writing in support for SB 340, the campus free speech protection act. Freedom of speech is one of the most foundational rights of Americans, and that does not stop when a student steps onto a university campus. In order for all our rights to be both exercised and protected, free speech must be held sacred.

Our college campuses are the breeding grounds of future leaders, business owners, and innovators. They should spark students' creativity and fan the flame of curiosity. This means that students must be free to speak without fear of restriction or university bias. The campus free speech protection act would codify the right already granted to citizens. It ensures that university governance does not overstep its bounds and unfairly silence student groups or speakers.

As SB 340 states, universities are not "immune from the sweep of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States." This legislature needs to recognize the rights of the students who attend this state's universities by passing SB 340 out of committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Humphries", written over a printed name.

Representative Susan Humphries