



Colorado Association of Code Enforcement Officials

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Dear Colorado Legislators,

On behalf of the Colorado Association of Code Enforcement Officials (CACEO), we encourage the inclusion of "Code Enforcement Officer" in Section 18-9-313 Personal information on the internet, of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS). Code enforcement plays an essential role in maintaining quality communities in our state.

Currently, those employed as a peace officer, human services worker, public health worker, judge, prosecutor, public defender, or public safety worker are listed and protected by the law under the aforementioned state statute. There is no provision for or inclusion of those individuals employed as a Code Enforcement Officer by a state, local or county jurisdiction, who are responsible for and charged with enforcing the environmental, building, land use, property maintenance and nuisance codes and local ordinances.

As a direct result of being a Code Enforcement Officer, these dedicated professionals come into contact with the very same individuals that a peace officer, judge, prosecutor or public defender does, but without the same protections covered under 18-9-313 CRS. Unfortunately, assaults on Code Enforcement Officers are not rare, and include everything from punching and kicking to pushing and grabbing to even murder. In 2009, one of our State's very own, Officer Rodney Morales, of Aurora was killed. In 2020, Augusta, Georgia, Code Enforcement Officer Charles "Chip" Case was killed, both while performing the requirements of their assigned duties.

Furthermore, Code Enforcement Officers are sometimes threatened or slandered by phone, letter and some have had liens filed against their person and/or personal property. By including Code Enforcement Officer in 18-9-313 CRS, it would make their personal information more difficult to obtain and further distribute, and thereby help to maintain the distance necessary between their personal and professional lives.

Thank you in advance for your time, and we hope you will sincerely consider including Code Enforcement Officer under Section 18-9-313 CRS. This will provide an additional layer of protection for Code Enforcement Officers while performing their duties to keep the cities, counties and the State of Colorado clean and safe.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you would like more information or to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

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