

As a law student at Lewis and Clark, and person of South American descent, I strongly support this bill. Throughout my time in law school, I have worked with many people of color and communities of color, and throughout their experience issues of mental health have played large roles in their ability to be successful in this country. In particular, people of hispanic descent such as myself, frequently encounter issues of domestic violence, drug and alcohol dependency, depression, and PTSD that go undetected. I hope to see this bill continue to make its way through the legislative process and take into account the needs and interests of each community, as they are unique, and provide culturally relevant resources to these communities.