

An Open Letter to Colorado's Elected Leaders

Dear Friends:

Election Day 2010 has come and gone. The political ads and debates that commanded our attention are over, and those who will be leading our state and nation forward have been selected and are poised to begin their work. Our focus now turns to the future and what we as Coloradans can do together to ensure that our state grows and prospers.

In that effort, we – business leaders, labor unions, non-profit organizations and advocacy groups – pledge to be mindful that understanding how we approach each other, and our elected officials, as we map the road ahead is as critical as the methods we suggest and the outcomes we choose.

We write today as organizations committed to approaching the coming session of the Colorado General Assembly, and our interaction with the 112th Congress, in a thoughtful and respect-filled manner. We understand that the challenges faced by our state and nation are many and the solutions, in some cases, are too few. However, we know that direct attacks and unfounded statements that are uttered in the heat of debate are harmful and only lead to further deterioration of the civility and respect that should be the cornerstone of our democratic processes.

We urge our elected officials, both in Colorado and those representing the Centennial State in Washington, D.C., to commit to this same pledge. Challenges will rise, viewpoints will differ, and lines will be drawn. In those inevitable challenging times, we respectfully request that we all commit to rise above the rhetoric and negativity and focus on finding solutions that are to the betterment of Colorado and the country as a whole.

Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can address our challenges. Join us.

Respectfully,

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Advance IT Network Solutions LLC
Alumni Consulting Group
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Autism Society of Colorado
The Bell Policy Center
Cannabis Medical Technology
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Caring for Colorado Foundation
Castle Rock Economic Development Corporation
Centennial Area Health Education Center
Central Colorado Area Health Education Office
Club 20
Colorado AFL-CIO
Colorado Area Health Education Center
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry (CACI)
Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors
Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB)
Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE)
Colorado Bankers Association
The Colorado Bar Association
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Competitive Council (C3)
Colorado Concern
Colorado Contractors Association
Colorado Education Association (CEA)
Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute
The Colorado Forum
Colorado Health Foundation
Colorado Hospital Association

Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association
Colorado Mining Association
Colorado Parent and Child Foundation
Colorado Petroleum Association
Colorado Realtors Association
Colorado Restaurant Association
Colorado Springs Marriott
Colorado State Rep. Lois Court
Colorado State Rep. Deb Gardner
Colorado State Rep. John Kefalas
Colorado State Rep. Beth McCann
Colorado State Rep. Jim Riesberg
Colorado State Rep. Su Ryden
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Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Workers for Innovation and New Solutions (WINS)
Communications Workers of America District 7
Consortium Productions LLC
Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Denver Metro Small Business Development Center
Downtown Denver Partnership
Durlam Design Inc.
Economic Development Council of Colorado
Foothills Behavioral Health Partners, LLC
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Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
GreenCO
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Health Care for All Colorado
Health Care for All Colorado Foundation
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver
Housing Colorado

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Mental Health Center of Denver
Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation
Metro North Chamber
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Mile High Young Professionals
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Progressive 15
Pueblo Economic Development Corporation
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