



Dear Friends,

I have some updates to share with you!

Tomorrow morning, I have my regular **Commerce City town hall** with Representative Benavidez and Senator Moreno. The town hall has moved locations this month and will be at the [Stuart Middle School](#) in the cafeteria at 10am. This month, we are discussing the new American Health Care Act. Please come for coffee and donuts, and to share your thoughts on health care. Although the ACHA was pulled from Congress today, we must continue to have a conversation about health care in the United States and keep championing better, more comprehensive coverage for more Americans.

Next Wednesday, March 29th, is **Aurora Day at the Capitol!** Please join me and my fellow Representatives and Senators from Aurora for a full morning. Lunch will also be served. You can RSVP by clicking [this link](#) and get more information on our [Facebook event](#).

Bill update: One of my bills, [HB17-1004](#), is being heard in the House Education committee this Monday. HB-1004 is the first step we must take to make sure Colorado's vets are set up for success if they decide to pursue a secondary degree.

Many veterans return to Colorado after their service and find themselves frustrated that they cannot convert their military training to credit for college courses. Even with some of the most intensive training in the math and sciences fields imaginable, veterans can be forced to take courses in subjects they have already mastered in order to earn a post-secondary degree. This bill aims to ease the frustration and financial pressure put on veterans who want to pursue a secondary degree by streamlining the process of converting

their military training to equivalent course credit. This bill has been months in the making, and I am very proud of the changes it has gone through to get it to where it is today.

Please call or email to share your thoughts with me on this or any piece of legislation I work on. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

In gratitude,

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SAVE THE DATE!
Aurora Day at the Capitol
Wednesday, March 29th - 8am-12pm

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A Note on HB17-1230

*This week, the House saw its first "[real floor fight](#)" over [HB17-1230](#): **Protect Colorado Residents from Federal Overreach**. I want to say a few words about this bill and why I support it.*

Policies that seek to divide us based on religion, race, or nation of origin are a threat to the values our nation was founded on. I support the Freedom Defense Act because it protects our state against those types of policies. We are a nation of immigrants and I firmly believe that we are stronger when everyone has a seat at the table. We know from our own history that the contributions of immigrants to our country have driven our progress and that we are weaker when we let fear divide us.

This bill protects Colorado's state rights by mandating that Colorado law enforcement officers are not required to assist any federal overreach that would set up a registry for people based on their religions, create internment camps, or attempt to identify individuals by their race, religion, nationality, or color of their skin—all of which go against our American and Colorado values and our U.S. and state Constitutions. It also reflects the existing policy of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, who have said they will not conduct unlawful 4th amendment holds against anyone "outside of legally recognized exigent circumstances." For further reference, I've included a link to the Sheriff's position paper addressing the matter.

Colorado is demonstrating that the state has learned from its history and will not blindly adhere to any federal overreach that threatens any Coloradan based on any characteristic, be it race, religion or immigration status. I hope that you will join me in support of a bill that shows that Colorado will stand on the right side of history.

I will continue to advocate for all of my constituents, and fight against any policy put forth by the President or Congress that oversteps our Constitution's bounds.

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