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REMEMBERING APRIL 20TH

Dear Friends,

It was 11 years ago today that I decided to become a police officer. While I was volunteering as a Lakewood Police Explorer, I witnessed the Columbine tragedy. I have friends today who were students at Columbine when the shootings took place as well as colleagues who currently teach there. The Columbine shootings are especially poignant in light of a more recent school shooting. A courageous Deer Creek Middle School teacher named David Benke tackled the gunman, preventing another tragedy.

After the Columbine disaster, the people of Colorado worked together to build a better and safer Colorado. This movement transcended party lines and political agendas. The establishment of School Resource Officers provided much needed security and quicker response to safety issues. Additionally, the deadly impacts of bullying has been recognized as a fundamental issue in our schools. These were instrumental steps not only towards building a safe place for our children to learn, but also identifying the underlying problems that arise from a lack of community. It was a hard lesson in our K-12 school systems to learn the importance of understanding what is in a child's heart as well as his mind.

It was 1 year ago today that I decided to run for the Colorado House of Representatives. I believe that building consensus is the foundation for a strong community. When little-to-no trust exists within a community, people naturally begin to place more trust and hopes in their government. Strong communities are the best defense from expansive government. A strong community is a safe community. A strong community is a prosperous community. A strong community has little need for an expansive and expensive government. Together, we can break this cycle of dependency.

I challenge you to join me on my efforts to better know our neighbors here in District 9. If you know your neighbors well, then host a coffee or have a barbecue event at your home. Let's work across political party lines to find solutions to issues around our community. I'd love the opportunity to talk with you about how we can build a strong community. I would be honored to serve as your representative in defense of people and the power of what we can do together.

Respectfully,

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State House of Representatives, District 9

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