



**Garbo for Colorado**  
**"A Better Tomorrow Begins Today"**

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My Fellow Republicans,

The time to be concerned about where we are headed as a state is now. The economy is desperate, the stakes are high, government is expanding, taxes are out of control, and this has all been under Democratic leadership. But I must say that I am not here today to focus on the darkness. I am here to help light a long extinguished flame that will bring us through the darkness to a safe and prosperous future.

I believe that new voices, new faces, and new minds are what is needed to carry this banner and fight for conservative beliefs and am here to ask each of you to be pioneers in this new era.

In order to do so, we must have a clear understanding of what is essential versus what is desirable and the strength to bring government spending back under control. We need to recognize that when government grows too large and too intrusive, it stifles innovation, creates a cycle of dependency, and undermines the principles of hard work and personal responsibility that have made Colorado a great place to live.

We need to lessen the tax and regulatory burdens on our citizens and businesses to encourage economic growth and job creation. We need to improve the quality and accountability of our public schools—too many of our young people, particularly Hispanics and other minorities, are failing, and dropping out before graduation. We need to raise the bar and not the funding; simply throwing money at education isn't the answer.

We need to bring common sense, free market-friendly reforms to our health care system. We need to preserve and protect our environment in a responsible way, balancing the Republican conservation ethic with the pressing need for domestic energy production in a way that drives our local economy and creates good jobs for Colorado citizens.

While I support exploring alternative ways of creating energy, the fact is that new energies like wind and solar are not economically viable solutions for Colorado's energy needs at the present time. This state has been blessed with an abundance of oil, oil shale,

and natural gas resources that have a proven track record of being clean, safe, and affordable. We need to protect our energy resources and the jobs that come with them.

Now is not the time for division. Now is not the time to reject conservatives or devalue people and their ideas. We must be equal to the challenge as men (and women) which demands nothing less than our united devotion. It is time for courage, not complacency. Leadership, not salesmanship. A public servant, not a businessman. To fail the public trust as an elected official should not be an option.

Can we look around today at the party in power and say "Well done?" Can anyone look at the state of the Colorado economy from when Gov. Ritter took office to now and say "Keep up the good work?" Can anyone look at the majority in the State House and Senate and say, "Let's have two or four more years of this?"

I'd like to end by quoting American Pastor, Conservative, and Author Adrian Rogers:

*"You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friends, is the beginning of the end of any nation."*

I'm a person that sees the direction that Colorado is heading and, like all of you, I've decided to act for the preservation of limited government, individual freedom, and fiscal responsibility. The good news is this: it's not too late. Let's get to work. Thank you and God bless.