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Mr. John Hughes
Chair, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce
6840 South University Boulevard
Centennial, CO 80122

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I am very concerned about the looming ballot initiative battle between certain business and labor groups. At a time when the uncertain future of Colorado's economy requires that we all put our shoulders to the wheel to create jobs, compete in a global economy, solve our transportation problems and adequately fund our higher education system, we cannot afford to be divided. If these ballot issues go forward, both business and labor will waste millions of dollars on campaigns—money better invested in Colorado jobs and needs.

I commend the South Metro Denver Chamber for being committed to these same views and for taking a position opposing the proposed so-called "right to work" measure and those put forward by labor unions, all of which would drastically alter Colorado's business and labor laws, if adopted. I encourage other business organizations to follow your lead. With such opposition by business groups, it is my hope that both sides will simply withdraw their measures, allowing us all to devote our time and resources to the real needs of Colorado's economy.

I appreciate your efforts to avert what could be a disaster for Colorado's future. I encourage the South Metro Chamber to enlist similar support from other chambers and businesses. Please share my appreciation with your Chamber members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Salazar".

Ken Salazar
United States Senator

cc: John Brackney, President and CEO
Dean Murphy, Chair-Elect