

Report on the 2021 Session 14th Day

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MINORITY WHIP

Friends and Neighbors,

The 73rd Colorado General Assembly is in full swing; my fellow legislators and I have been hard at work. As we begin this legislative session, I know that it is going to be a hard fight as once again we are minority party in the House of Representatives. Rest assured, serving as the Minority Whip, I will fight hard against the over-reaching agenda of the majority party alongside the other Republican legislators. We will push through this legislative session.

These past two weeks I have seen a lack of leadership on the other side of the aisle. On February 17th, Gov. Jared Polis gave his annual State of the State address. This address was more of a legislative wish list of the things that the governor wants his party to push through. His ideas are not the only ones that matter in the legislative body. Moving forward, I will continue to introduce and vote on legislation that will help Colorado and my constituents.

Gov. Jared Polis declared March 20th as "MeatOut Day" in Colorado, where citizens are encouraged to not eat any meat products. This is a blow to Colorado agriculture. This proclamation, as well as not being able to host the National Western Stock Show this year, shows the lack of respect the governor has for agriculture. As the second leading economic driver in Colorado it deserves to be respected as such. The governor is out of touch with how important agriculture is for our state. I encourage him to come out to the Eastern Plains to see the hard work of our agriculture communities, as they work hard every day to keep food on all of our tables.

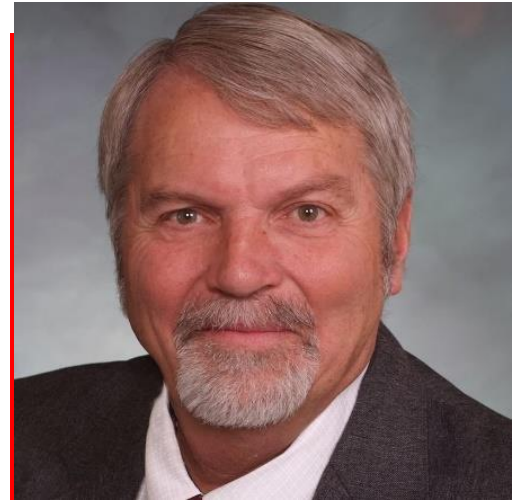
In the coming week, I will introduce the following legislation that I am sponsoring:

SB21-1079	SB21-1039	HB21-1021	HB21-1097
<i>Deregulate Meat Sales Direct to Consumers:</i>	<i>Elimination Of Subminimum Wage Employment:</i>	<i>Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health:</i>	<i>Establish Behavioral Health Administration:</i>
Passed Second Reading & Onto Third Reading in the Senate	Introduced	Introduced	Introduced

Additionally, I will be hosting a virtual Town Hall in March. Please follow along with updates on my Facebook or website where I will be releasing a date and time. I encourage all to participate.

Faithfully,

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