



# 2021 OPPORTUNITY AGENDA

Colorado has had one of the best economies in the nation. We want to celebrate Colorado's success, while pursuing and encouraging policies to ensure that ALL Coloradans have access to opportunity. This means balancing both short and long-term economic priorities, even during this recession.

The 2021 General Assembly can accomplish this by:

## PROTECTING THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR) & KEEPING TAXES LOW

- TABOR makes government more efficient and effective, and creates opportunities by helping private sector flourish
- Oppose new taxes disguised as fees, and ensure the new Vote on Fees law is followed
- Support a cap on the growth of residential property taxes

## PROMOTING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & LIMIT OVERREACH

- Increase accountability over the use of federal funds by the Governor's office and other state agencies
- Colorado's public servants -- including state employees and elected officials -- should be held to a consistent standard of transparency and accountability
- State Legislators should be required to follow a uniform set of data retention policies

## **HEALTHCARE -- LOWER COSTS, INCREASE QUALITY & ACCESS**

- Healthcare costs and access to quality care is an increasing burden on Coloradans, especially in rural areas
- Democrats and Republicans should come together to find solutions that will increase quality and drive down costs
- Oppose a “public option” which would shift the costs of healthcare, decrease true competition, remove choice and access for consumers, and harm hospitals and healthcare workers

## **IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- A strong education system creates more opportunities
- Colorado should continue the bipartisan work to increase education opportunities for students by promoting an “all of the above” approach to education that includes district, charter, private, and home school
- Support policy proposals that help all of Colorado’s students receive quality education in the classroom or at home

## **SUPPORTING AN “ALL OF THE ABOVE” ENERGY APPROACH**

- Our energy sector is vital to Colorado’s economy, providing jobs and contributing much-needed revenue for schools and local services
- Help fight back against over regulation stemming from the new COGCC, and support policies that add clarity for developers
- Oppose a ban on new energy development

## **PRIORITIZE TRANSPORTATION & FIXING OUR ROADS**

- Infrastructure development is one of the core functions of government, so the General Assembly should prioritize the state’s \$30 billion budget to make road and infrastructure updates a top priority
- Dedicated transportation funding should be locked into the General Fund budget over the long-term