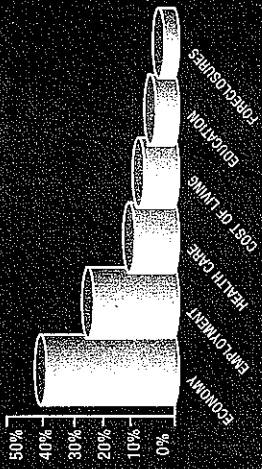
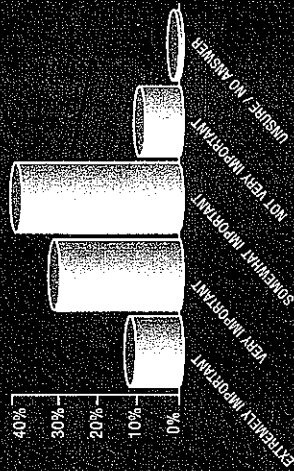


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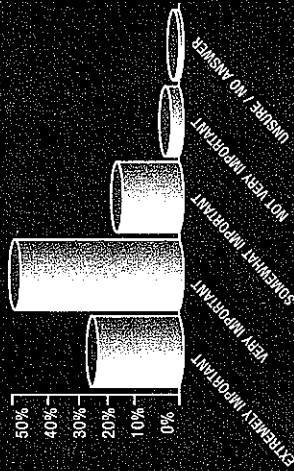
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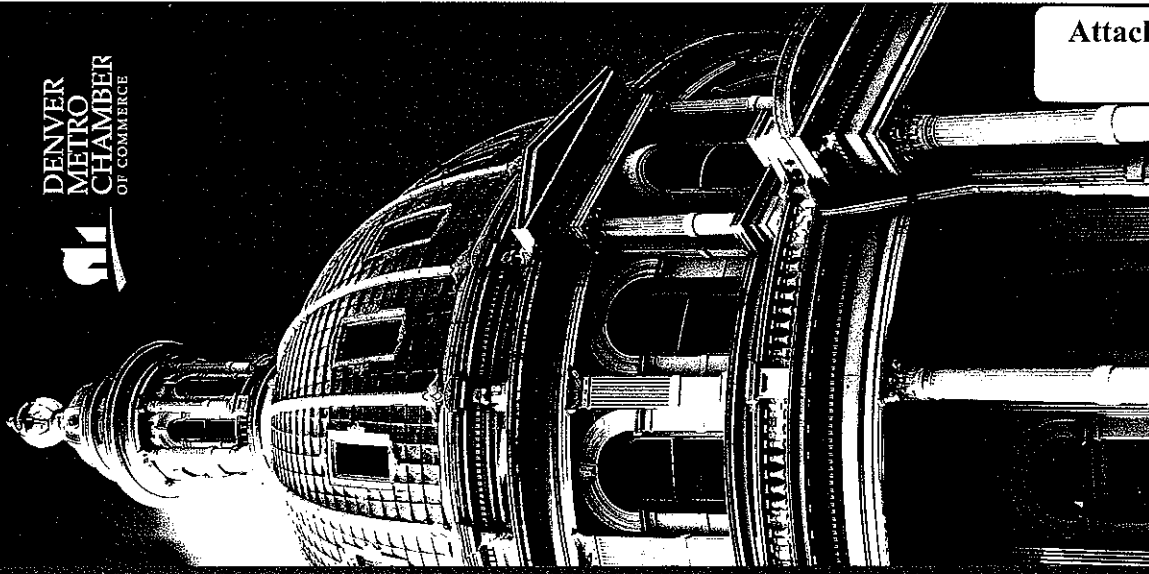


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Getting Colorado Back to Work

OPPORTUNITY

Creating a Gateway Park

by Governor Bill Ritter

As I write, we are in the midst of a historic recession. The challenges are unprecedented. We are in a state of economic emergency. We must take bold steps to get our economy back to work. We must create jobs, support our businesses, and ensure that our recovery is inclusive and sustainable. We must think new and act anew.

While economic indicators predict Colorado will weather the tough times better than many other states, we must be vigilant and well prepared to take the steps necessary to keep our competitive edge. Over the past decade, Colorado's business portfolio has strategically diversified into areas including aerospace, biotechnology, and energy — both conventional and renewable — which in some instances has allowed us to weather the recession better than other states. The key way to ensure Colorado emerges from this financial crisis is rapidly establishing a state-wide economic recovery challenge is clear. We must get Colorado back to work. Today's opportunity is equally imperative — getting Colorado back to working together.

Such action requires leaders — elected and private — to come together with a shared vision of addressing the challenges that face our great state. Abraham Lincoln often spoke of the connection between power and responsibility and this is the time to use both, respectfully and with humility. In previous trying times for our nation, he went a step further saying, "We can succeed only by concert. It is not an any of us imagine better, but we can all do better." The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think new and act anew.

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It is our sincere hope that in these historic times, Lincoln's words might set the tone for the 2009 session of the Colorado General Assembly. Simply, we must come together. The conversation must be moved above partisanship to a place where the only acceptable outcome is the creation of jobs in Colorado and the renewed economic health of our state.

The Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce will approach the 2009 legislative session with this clear and overriding goal: Enhance and recapture our economic status and competitiveness and prevent any proposal that hinders or makes our state's economic recovery more difficult. This organization will test every legislative proposal against these criteria: Efforts that lead to job creation, critical infrastructure investment and protecting or enhancing our industry clusters and business climate — the backbone of our state's economic health — will be supported. Measures that run counter to that goal that slow, derail or impede our economic recovery will be opposed.

We ask you to join us in this effort. We must come together to create opportunities in these challenging times.

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ACTIONS THAT WILL HINDER ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN COLORADO.