# **Warriors for Weiser**

September 2025 Newsletter

# Highlights/Opening Thoughts Why Phil?



TANIA - WHY PHIL??

Tania R did this month's "Why Phil?" - and I just love these stories - it makes me proud to support Phil!

#### Here are her thoughts:

## Protecting Our Classrooms: Phil Weiser's Stand Against Federal Overreach

To be sure, there are countless reasons to support Phil Weiser for Governor. But for me, it's personal.

My husband has dedicated over 33 years to public education, with the last 14 years being in the Poudre School District. He's a passionate educator, but he's tired. Every year, he's asked to do more with less. Fewer resources. More mandates. Less support. And now, with the federal government dismantling the Department of Education and eliminating critical DEI and youth programs, the stakes are higher than ever.

Colorado needs a governor who doesn't just talk about supporting schools, he fights for them. Phil Weiser has proven time and again that he's willing to take on powerful interests to protect students, educators, and the future of learning in our state.

## Fighting for Federal Education Funding

Earlier this summer, the Trump administration abruptly froze \$6.8 billion in congressionally-approved education funding—including \$80 million for Colorado schools. These funds support vital programs like:

- Teacher training and professional development
- After-school enrichment for low-income families
- Al-powered classroom tools that help educators personalize learning

Phil Weiser didn't hesitate. He led a coalition of state attorneys general in suing the federal government to restore the funding. When the administration backed down, he went on national news to make one thing clear: **Colorado's students will not be shortchanged on his watch.** 

## Embracing Innovation in Education

Weiser understands that the future of education includes emerging technologies like artificial intelligence. He's spotlighted Colorado-based startups like Magic School, which help teachers streamline lesson planning and improve student engagement.

### • Defending Public Education from Political Overreach

Weiser has filed four major lawsuits to protect public education from federal interference, including efforts to dismantle rural teacher pipeline programs and mental health services. He also led a successful coalition opposing the diversion of public funds to private religious schools.

Phil Weiser is not just a legal advocate, he's a champion for educators like my husband, for students across Colorado, and for the values that make **public education a pillar of democracy.** In this moment of uncertainty, we need a governor who will stand firm, speak out, and fight back. That's why I support Phil Weiser.

#### **AND AGAIN!!!**

We are so lucky to have the People's Lawyer running to be the People's Governor!

## Time for a leader ... time for Phil Weiser!

#### **NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGN**

Great fundraising numbers againxt "sleepy" Michael

https://philforcolorado.com/ag-weiser-holds-commanding-fundraising-lead-over-senator-bennet-after-2nd-quarter-fundraising-results/

https://www.summitdaily.com/news/colorado-govenors-race-michael-bennet-phil-weiser-campaign-fundraising/

## Working against illegal arrests

https://coloradosun.com/2025/07/22/caroline-dias-goncalves-arrest-phil-weiser-lawsuit/

#### FIGHTING TRUMP

https://coloradonewsline.com/2025/07/14/fight-trump-colorado-governor-candidates/

Need we say more ???



## WHAT A COOL IDEA ....

It is really easy to write a letter to the editor - smaller communities love to publish letters from folks in the community - and the papers for larger locations also love to publish letters (but often linking to a recent story will help) ...

So write a letter ... and if you need help - please go here: Letters to the Editor

# And speaking of letters ... here is another ...

fronts — Europe and the Pacific — and what they accomplished is nothing short of astonishing. But this incredible feat came at a terrible cost: over 405,000 killed and more than 670,000 wounded. These are staggering, heartbreaking numbers.

When they came home, they brushed themselves off and right away got to work, driven by a desire to make sure their children never went through what they did. This resulted in building the most powerful economy the world has ever known

Now, time has been quietly stealing these national treasures from us. Of those 16.4 million who served, only about 66,000 remain. Of the high-plus WWII veterans I've Interviewed here in Northern Colorado, just five are still with us.

I will be forever grateful for their sacrifice, strength, and spirit — and I often despair that we'll never see their kind again. I will miss them.

 $-{\it Brad\ Hoopes, Loveland}$ 

#### Michael Bennet should stay in the Senate

Two weeks ago, we had a politically motivated arson attack on voting machines here

in Colorado. Will our next election will be open and fair?

We count on our Congressional delegation, Republican and Democrat alike, to stand up to the avalanche of sedition and greed. We have an experienced United States senator, Michael Bennet.

Why has Sen. Bennet, so badly needed in Washington, chosen this moment to leave the Senate to run for governor? A lot of us voted for him. We did not vote for this.

For months to come, our senior senator will be distracted from protecting us in Washington, where he is vitally needed. He will be on the campaign trail running for governor.

In Phil Weiser, we have a highly qualified Democratic candidate for governor. Two competing Democrats will suck up the limited resources we desperately need to fight off the authoritarian assault.

If Sen. Bennet wins the governorship, he will bail out before the end of his Senate term. We will instead be represented by a rookie senator, appointed by the very Michael Bennet who created the vacancy.

A new senator appointed like this will create the perception of tainted, insider, backroom politics. Indeed, rumors are already starting to swirl about who has been promised this Senate seat and in return for what favors.

Michael Bennet's current course would give Colorado a distracted senator whose main focus is on running for governor. If Bennet wins, this will be followed by an unelected, inexperienced United States senator, appointed rather than elected.

Michael Bennet should stay at his post in this brewing storm. Dividing us in a state level race when we have never been more in need of experienced leadership in Washington is a mistake.

- Luke Danielson, Gunnison

#### Cascadia gamble

I'm not a Greeley resident, but it seems rather risky to mortgage a whole city for the sake of an entertainment package. Greed can sometimes blind you.

Do you know how to catch a monkey?

Answer: With something shiny. Put it in a jar. When the monkey reaches in to get the prize, he can't get his hand out of the jar without letting go of the prize.

- Bob Grimes, Windsor

## And another ...

## Bennet was appointed

In response to Luke Danielson's comments regarding Michael Bennet published on Aug. 22 (re: Michael Bennet should stay in the senate), some concerns are valid, especially the notion of Bennet appointing his own replacement.

It's well worth nothing, however, that Bennet was also an "unelected, inexperienced United States senator, appointed rather than elected" on Jan. 3, 2009, by then-Governor Bill Ritter. Prior to appointment, Bennet was the superintendent of Denver Public Schools.

Sure, he has won subsequent reelections since then, as it's not uncommon for the incumbent to remain in office, but had his appointment not occurred in the first place, he'd likely not be in public office today.

Whether he's done any good or not for Colorado or the country, and whether or not he'd serve Colorado well as governor is a subject for debate on another day.

- Michael Stadler, Evans

# How You Can Help .... NOW ...

Try to recruit 2-3 people each week

Make it viral - and once you get a supporter - ask them to "tell a friend"

Write a Letter to the Editor (like Michael and Luke)

AND BECOME A DELEGATE FOR PHIL FOR NEXT YEARS CAUCUSES!!

# New Social Media Campaign



## Thanks to Tania R

Tania did the wonderful "Why Phil" in this newsletter – who wants to write one for the October newsletter?? I'd encourage you all to do the same–feel free to reach out to me for any guidance on this! Give me a shout at <a href="mailto:simmonsscottm@gmail.com">simmonsscottm@gmail.com</a>

Looking for T-Shirts, Signs, and Phil "Merch"?

https://store.philforcolorado.com/

# Phil - In the News



Some recent articles highlighting Phil's work

https://medium.com/@jasonmendelson\_87530/im-supporting-phil-weiser-over-michael-bennet-in-the--democratic-primary-for-colorado-governor-884b730bf4d9

https://coloradosun.com/2025/08/04/colorado-attorney-general-phil-weiser-lawsuits-trump/

## **Events**

Other Upcoming Events To Attend and/or Spread The Word On

Please reach out to the campaign staff if you want more information teamphil@philforcolorado.com

- Thursday, September 4th–Evergreen Fundraiser– RSVP HERE
- Friday, September 5th

   Grand Junction Fundraiser

   RSVP HERE
  - September 5th & 6th-Club 20 Events- Email me for details
- Sunday, September 7th

  Summit County Picnic

  Email me for details
- Thursday, September 11th

  Durango Fundraiser with Chris Hansen

  RSVP HERE
  - Saturday, September 20th

     Eagle County Travel TBD

## Check out Phil's endorsements – growing EVERY day

https://philforcolorado.com/endorsements/

## Phil's Quote of the Month

"We must protect Colorado and oppose Trump's illegal actions, not appease him. I am the fighter Colorado needs as our next governor."

# **Closing Thoughts**

If you want to contribute content to this newsletter - please let me know Continue to get to know Phil ... attend an event or two - you will be impressed! Help us to recruit ... for support for Phil and (better yet) campaign volunteering

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE CAMPAIGN
LET ME KNOW ... LOTS OF WORK TO BE DONE!!

# **About us**

We are a grassroots team in Weld promoting the candidacy of Phil Weiser
to be the 44th Governor of the Great State of Colorado

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## IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES

(... perhaps a note on why you support Phil)

<u>Send them to simmonsscottm@gmail.com</u>



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