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August is Here!

Dear Friend:

I am thrilled that it is now August, which means time for me to spend here in Colorado visiting with many of you. The month has kicked off with nonstop local events and meetings. As always, I appreciate the opportunity to bring you this quick update.



U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman welcomes HUD Secretary Carson to Aurora, Colorado

On Monday, I welcomed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson, to Aurora. The Secretary stopped here in my hometown to visit the Village at Westerly Creek. The Village at Westerly Creek is a newly built low income housing complex that is a mix of affordable rental units for the elderly and for families. The Aurora Housing Authority developed the project and HUD provided critical financial support for its construction.

As all of us who are living in Colorado's front range know, our state's economic boom has resulted in a rapidly growing population. Unfortunately, the available housing has not kept up with the growth. Some of the reasons the supply of new homes, condominiums and apartments has not kept up with demand include, state laws such as the "Construction Defects" one that has hampered lower priced condominium development, increasing costs for building permits and utility hook ups, and a shortage of available construction workers.

The Village at Westerly Creek cost about \$50 million to construct with federal tax credits from HUD covering about half of that cost. I think programs such as this one that make rents affordable are essential to helping families get on their feet financially and to ensure elderly citizens on limited fixed incomes can live independently. This is why I co-sponsored [H.R. 1661 the 'Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017'](#) to update and expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.



Immigration Naturalization Ceremony in Aurora, CO on 8/2/18

Unfortunately, much of our immigration system is broken. However, this past Thursday, I participated in an event that symbolizes what does work: the naturalization process. I helped welcome 72 new U.S. Citizens to our community held at the Aurora Municipal Center. These new citizens were from 35 different countries. All of them took the oath of loyalty to our country and I was proud to welcome them as 'our newest citizens'. As you may know, I have been a proponent of modernizing and reforming our current immigration system. I believe that we must secure our borders, show compassion by always keeping families together, and have immigration policies that will help our economy to grow without undermining wages.

Finally, I wanted to invite you to a tele/web town hall I will host next Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:30pm MT. This interactive and on-the-go platform enables me to connect with thousands of residents from this congressional district. I will discuss issues facing our community, state and nation with you. Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

I invite you to follow me on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to get the latest news as they happen. Likewise, you can find all the latest news on my [website](#). I look forward to seeing you around the district!

Sincerely,



Mike Coffman
U.S. Representative

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