



September 17, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert  
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The Honorable Gabe Evans  
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Dear Congressman Evans, Congressman Crank, and Congresswoman Boebert,

I received your letter, and thank you for your interest in my goal of improving public safety as well as your interest in the state legislature.

On the matter of improving public safety, Coloradans know I'll partner with anyone to reduce crime. We are actively working with and supporting District Attorneys, law enforcement, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and legislators who are working on a policy solution related to HB24-1034, bipartisan legislation that passed with veto-proof majorities, including the House 52-9 and Senate unanimously, but has unfortunately led to unintended consequences. I would encourage you to do your part to support Coloradans and help fix problems caused by Congress and within the federal government.

Through bipartisan laws and the bipartisan state budget investments, we are taking comprehensive action to improve public safety. The reality is, Colorado has seen reductions in crime, including in auto theft, property crime, and violent crime. In the first three months of 2025, Colorado saw 13% less violent crime and 29% less property crime than we did in the first three months of 2023.

Further, with the passage of Proposition 130, the state is providing significantly more resources to recruit and retain law enforcement across the state. Prop. 130 supports funding for local law enforcement agencies to recruit peace officers, provide initial and continuing education, training for peace officers, and funding to ensure that the families of fallen officers get the support they need after losing their loved one in the line of duty. The State has increased penalties for firearm theft, adding funding from the state budget to enable law enforcement to centralize data, including gang names, gang members, and gang contacts to be utilized as an investigative tool, increased funding to support victims of crime and youth, and to reduce recidivism. But we need to do more, and the funds the federal government is holding back are hurting our ability to make Colorado even safer.

The Trump administration has withheld federal public safety funding, which I hope you will shine a light on, given your respective roles as members of the House Oversight, Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services Committees. Additionally, Trump's FBI has cut its own staffing for investigations into domestic terrorism at a time when we need more resources to combat emerging threats. The State was forced to sue the Trump administration over its unlawful attempt to withhold federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds from states to ensure this federal funding helps victims of crime get back on their feet.

Currently, Colorado has seen \$102,820,518 in public safety funding come under threat from the current Administration. To date, we have successfully defended over \$83 million, but we are at-risk of losing \$19 million through VOCA. See Colorado's [Federal Funds Dashboard](#) for a closer look at what the Trump administration has attempted to withhold from our state – and in your congressional district. Please get to work and get us our public safety money.

Shortly after the Boulder attack, a nearly \$1 million Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant (TVTP ) was cancelled. The federal grant seeks to establish or enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism, and is the only federal grant program solely dedicated to helping local communities develop and strengthen their capabilities in this area.

I am always willing to look at making changes where necessary, such as fixing or repealing HB24-1034. However, it should be noted that many of the laws described in your letter received bipartisan votes from members within your own party and Democrats at the state legislature, including HB24-1034, Adult Competency to Stand Trial, and SB21-271, Misdemeanor Reform.

It is to my bewilderment that you chose to write to me while Congress is barreling toward a shutdown of the federal government, and none of you have been on record as to whether to extend the premium enhanced tax credit (EPTC) to avoid health insurance costs skyrocketing for Coloradans. H.R.1, which you all voted for, kicked people off of health care and forced the legislature back into special session to eliminate the massive budget hole the law created.

The raw data speaks for itself. Coloradans continue to encourage you to keep the federal government running and to support the extension of the EPTC.

CO-04: Premium increases for Coloradans currently eligible for the tax credit will range from 131% to over 300%; with families in Crowley County facing 334% premium increases, increasing the number of uninsured Coloradans by nearly 40% on the Eastern Plains.

CO-05: Coloradans in El Paso County who are currently eligible for the tax credit will face 159% premium increases, increasing the number of uninsured Coloradans by 27%

CO-08: Premiums for Coloradans currently eligible for the tax credit will rise by 176% - 195% in Adams, Larimer, and Weld counties. Weld County will be one of the areas hardest hit by loss of coverage, increasing the number of uninsured Coloradans by 25%.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you and anyone to improve public safety and reduce crime in Colorado.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor  
State of Colorado