



General Assembly
State of Colorado
Denver

November 5, 2007

The Honorable Bill Ritter
Governor, State of Colorado
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 136
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Ritter:

We are writing to address an urgent concern on behalf of the people of the state of Colorado.

Late last week at the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 2, you issued an executive order that opens state government up to unions in Colorado.

We believe this policy change to be a mistake. We also believe it to be a change that will have a significant impact on the cost and operating structure of state government.

It is with these concerns in mind that we ask you to delay the implementation of your executive order until the consequences of this monumental and historical change can be evaluated. As you have asked for and received for other matters, we are requesting a 120 day delay so that the plan can be reviewed.

During that time, we also ask that you stop unions from going door to door in public buildings, as they are currently doing, soliciting membership and disrupting state business.

Your administration has instituted numerous studies and task forces to examine a variety of issues that impact our state. Yet this policy has been implemented not only without study, but also without any conversation or debate at any level with the people of Colorado or with the business community.

We urge you to adopt a more thoughtful approach to the unionization of the people's government by granting our request to postpone implementation of your union order.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike May in black ink.

Mike May
House Minority Leader

Handwritten signature of Andy McElhany in black ink.

Andy McElhany
Senate Minority Leader