

# Coalition for a Conservative Majority - Colorado Springs

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\*\*\*\*\* *FOUNDING FATHER QUOTE* \*\*\*\*\*

“Who will govern the governors? There is only one force in the nation that can be depended upon to keep the government pure and the governors honest, and that is the people themselves. They alone, if well informed, are capable of preventing the corruption of power, and of restoring the nation to its rightful course if it should go astray. They alone are the safest depository of the ultimate powers of government.” ~ Thomas Jefferson

\*\*\*\*\* *TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS* \*\*\*\*\*

## **Eric Miller ~ “The Greatest Men You’ve Never Heard Of”**

Mr. Miller’s presentations focus on deepening the connection of his audience to our nation’s foundational principles through the “living shadows” (signatures) of the men and women who formed our country. He started the Rush-Miller Foundation after his son lost his sight to brain cancer. The foundation donates tandem bicycles to blind children in the US and abroad. The focus of the presentation will not center on the foundation; however, donations are accepted to help fund the mission.

## **Sarah Tinan ~ Life Network**

[www.elifenetwork.com](http://www.elifenetwork.com)

Life Network exists to enforce the value placed on human life by our Creator, from conception to natural death. We desire to reclaim the fact that our individual worth is firmly established on the basis of the nature of God, who has left his impression on us.

## **Matthew Arnold ~ Director, Clear the Bench Colorado**

[www.ClearTheBenchColorado.org](http://www.ClearTheBenchColorado.org)

Clear The Bench Colorado is a grassroots movement to hold Colorado’s Supreme Court justices accountable to the Colorado Constitution and to the people of Colorado.

## **Michelle Morin ~ UNCRC/Parental Rights Amendment**

[www.ParentalRights.org](http://www.ParentalRights.org)

The Parental Rights campaign exists to secure a constitutional amendment that defends the rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. At ParentalRights.org, we believe that no government, regardless of how well-intentioned it might be, can replace the love and nurture of a parent in the life of a child. It’s a relationship worth protecting.

\*\*\*\*\* *SOME HOT ISSUES* \*\*\*\*\*

### **National: Nationalized Health Care**

3 US House and 2 US Senate committees are formulating the nationalized health care reform bill. US House committees expect to start moving a bill during the week of July 13th. Senate HELP (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions) committee aims to get its bill out of committee by Friday and have penciled in a Sat/Sun working period. Senate Finance committee is not even close to announcing when it will start to move its product. See the HELP bill here: <http://help.senate.gov> and click on the Affordable Health Services Act link.

On 6/23/09 Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) submitted the “Health Care Freedom Act of 2009” as a bill conservatives can rally around as the alternative to the Democrats. The bill provides tax credits up to \$5,000 for a family, tax-free withdrawals from HSAs to pay insurance premiums, buying across state lines so people can choose a plan that meets their health care needs, price disclosure so people know how much health care costs, money for high risk pools for people with preexisting conditions, tort reform, and takes back the TARP money. See Senator DeMint’s bill here: <http://demint.senate.gov/public/> and click on the “Health Care Freedom Act” box on right side.

**Take Action!**

- 1) Several groups have petitions, it is suggested we sign them all for maximum impact. I have not had opportunity to review and officially endorse each site's petition, so please review carefully before signing your name:
  - [www.patientoptout.com](http://www.patientoptout.com)
  - [www.americansforaffordablehealthcare.org](http://www.americansforaffordablehealthcare.org)
  - [www.freeourhealthcarenow.com/](http://www.freeourhealthcarenow.com/)
  - <http://patientsunitednow.org>
  - [www.cprights.org](http://www.cprights.org)
- 2) Contact all of your state's US Representatives and US Senators now and tell them no nationalized health care.
- 3) Contact all of your state's US Representatives and US Senators now and urge them to support Senator DeMint's "Health Care Freedom Act of 2009."
- 4) Contact all Blue Dog Democrats to voice opposition to nationalized health care: <http://www.house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs/index.html> and select "Members." If viewing this electronically, click here for Blue Dog contact information: [Blue Dog Democrats Contact Information](#) For my Colorado friends, it is worth nothing that Representative John Salazar is an official Blue Dog.
- 5) Join the Facebook cause (requires FB account) "Stop Obama's Health Care Plan" [www.causes.com/stopobamahealthcare](http://www.causes.com/stopobamahealthcare)

**National: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**

US Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice stated that administration officials are actively discussing when and how to join/ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). See "20 Things You Should Know About the CRC" and "An In-Depth Analysis at the CRC" at [www.ParentalRights.org](http://www.ParentalRights.org) for more information on this dangerous international treaty that strips US sovereignty and God-given family/parental rights.

Article VI of the Constitution states treaties trump state laws and state constitutions. According to the Supreme Court, international treaties override the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, thereby nullifying individual state laws governing family/parental rights. The only way to protect state laws on the family from the threat of international law is through a Parental Rights Amendment. Only the Constitution overrides treaties.

ParentalRights.org is attempting to add an Amendment to the US Constitution that will constitutionalize parental rights by moving parental rights from an implied right into the actual text of the Constitution. See more at [www.ParentalRights.org](http://www.ParentalRights.org).

**Take action!**

- 1) Contact your US Senators and tell them to vote "NO" on the UNCRC.
- 2) Contact your US Senators and ask them to "co-sponsor SJR 16, the Parental Rights Amendment."
- 3) Contact your US Representatives and ask them to "co-sponsor HJR 42, the Parental Rights Amendment."

**National: Hate Crimes Bill S.909 – provided by Crista Huff, Douglas County, CO**

Why 'Hate Crimes' Bill is Stalled in Senate – WorldNetDaily "WASHINGTON – Could more than 560,000 letters delivered to the U.S. Senate protesting a 'hate crimes' bill critics have called 'The Pedophile Protection Act' have resulted in second thoughts among Democrats?" Read the full story: <http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=100514>

**National Issues: Cap and Trade – provided by Crista Huff, Douglas County, CO**

**At 3:30 AM on Friday June 26, Democrat Congressional leadership (!) inserted another 302 pages into the Cap and Trade bill, then forced a vote on the bill that same day, without anyone having had the chance to read it.** The amendment contained shocking new requirements on home building and home sales, low-income housing, industrial lighting technology, and much more. On Friday June 26, the U.S. House of Representatives voted "yes" on the Cap and Trade bill by a slim majority of 219 votes to 212 votes. I personally contacted 25 Congressional offices that day, along with thousands of other political activists on Twitter. We have the names of the **eight turncoat Republicans who voted "yes"** along with most of the Democrats. If four of them had changed to a "no" vote, the Cap and Trade bill would have been defeated.

Cap and Trade is the largest tax increase in U.S. history, it is a **political payback scheme** derived from the faulty concept of man-made global warming, and it will cause millions of job losses and bankruptcies. You can read more about it on innumerable websites, including [www.Heritage.org](http://www.Heritage.org).

Please be assured that we will make every effort to defeat this expensive and destructive Liberal power-grab, and we will also make sure that those eight turncoats do not run for office again in 2010.

**Take action!** Call your U.S. Senators and demand that they vote no on Cap and Trade! Then call Democrat Senators around the country and tell them the same thing.

**Colorado Springs City Council: “Push for Same-Sex Benefits Revived”**

The Gazette’s Daniel Chacon wrote on June 4, 2009 that “a political advocacy group is reviving a controversial proposal to expand health benefits to Colorado Springs city employees, including same-sex couples. ... five of the nine members said ... they were warm to the latest effort.” See more here: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/city-55740-proposal-employees.html> and here <http://www.gazette.com/news/one-55776-city-benefits.html>

\*\*\*\*\* **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS** \*\*\*\*\*

**Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition Meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm** (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue. For more information check out: [www.ppfc.org](http://www.ppfc.org)

**American Majority Candidate and Activist Training Program July 11<sup>th</sup> 8:45am – 5:15pm.** Features general sessions plus two different tracks for those interested in running for public office (Candidate Track \$50/person) and those looking to become more effective activists (Activist Track \$20/person). Will be held at Colorado Christian University 8787 W. Alameda Ave. in Lakewood, CO. To register call (785)-233-3800 or [www.AmericanMajority.org](http://www.AmericanMajority.org)

**“Free People, Free Markets” by Paul Prentice Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30pm** at the Vanguard School, 1605 S Corona Ave, Colorado Springs, 80905. This highly recommended course makes the moral/philosophical case for free-market capitalism. \$25 per person. Register here: [www.limitedgovforum.org/prog.html](http://www.limitedgovforum.org/prog.html) or call Sean Paige at 719-576-9055.

**CCM Progress & Strategy Meeting Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.** Take note of new meeting format and schedule:

6:00 – 6:30pm Members’ Business Meeting

6:30 – 7:30pm Progress & Strategy Meeting for members, volunteers, and visitors/guests

**New to Twitter and/or Facebook? Need help getting started?** ~ I’ll be holding an informal, brief “tutorial” for getting started in Twitter and Facebook so you can effectively and easily network online and from home to make a difference in our political landscape. If interested in joining me, email me at [Michelle@ccm-cos.com](mailto:Michelle@ccm-cos.com). **Date/Time/Location TBD.** Bring a laptop if you have one... if not, come anyway and we’ll make something work! Anyone have a PC projector we can use?

**Check our website for more updated events information under the “Events” tab.**

\*\*\*\*\* **PERSONAL ACTION YOU CAN TAKE NOW** \*\*\*\*\*

- 1) Write at least one letter to the editor and help expose the truth about any issues in process. Check our online “Media Power” page (under the “BE HEARD” tab) for letter-to-the-editor tips, then find our listing of all local papers and write a letter to at least one newspaper. This is an easy, yet critical action in shifting public opinion back towards truth!
- 2) Share what you’ve learned with friends, neighbors, family. Friendly, educational conversation can be one of the best ways to motivate and mobilize others to get involved!
- 3) Bring a friend to next month’s CCM Progress & Strategy meeting.
- 4) Forward email alerts to as many as you can, both here in Colorado and nationwide, and encourage your recipients to get involved locally and start their own grassroots networks across our state and nation. It’s becoming easier with the latest online tools.

\*\*\*\*\* **THINGS TO CONSIDER** \*\*\*\*\*

- Local school boards across our community are seeking nominations for upcoming elections. If conservatives are going to take back our city, it’s got to start at this very local level. Although not all will be compelled to do so, consider running for one of these positions. This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on our local public education. CCM doesn’t endorse

candidates, but we're compiling powerful information resources that can help prepare potential candidates for successful campaigns.

- Remember: every effort counts, no matter how big or small. You decide what level of commitment you make to advance the conservative cause... but seek ways to get involved! Success depends on each one of us!

\*\*\*\*\* MAKE CONTACT \*\*\*\*\*

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**All U.S. Senators**

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Please email me at [Michelle@ccm-cos.com](mailto:Michelle@ccm-cos.com) for an electronic copy of this newsletter/update and any of the following. Write "subscribe" in your subject line. Most documents should be available within the week (Will also be available on CCM-COS website):

*Blue Dog Democrats contact information*

Shyrl Springer (the best political researcher I know), has compiled extremely useful information which I am formatting for email/internet and will be sending out soon. (Will also be available on CCM-COS website):

*US Senators and Governors up for re-election in 2010  
US House Cross-Over Votes for Cap/Trade  
And more!*

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☺☺☺ Thanks for being a part of tonight's meeting! See you next month! ☺☺☺

***Are you ready to act?***

***Let's take it back!***