



June 29, 2021

John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator for Colorado  
Wayne Aspinall Federal Building  
400 Rood Avenue, Ste 220  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

### **American Jobs Plan – Climate Action**

Dear Senator Hickenlooper:

I write to you on behalf of the City of Aspen with a request that you continue to advocate for strong climate action measures in the American Jobs Plan. We understand that compromise is necessary in order to reach agreement on this important, sweeping infrastructure legislation. We implore you to not compromise away climate resilience, provisions for clean energy jobs, and affordable housing support, all of which is proposed in the bill.

With ambitious climate goals, Aspen is doing its part to secure the health of our ecosystems and ourselves. We know you will not lose sight of your platform goals: <https://hickenlooper.com/issues/climate/> Colorful Colorado is doing its part to reduce our carbon-impact and increase climate resiliency. We need the federal government's support to provide good paying, clean energy jobs. We urge federal support in zoning for, and financing of, workforce housing to reduce commuter times, and provide opportunities for citizens to live near workplaces. We need significant greenhouse-gas-reduction for our vibrant recreation and tourism economy to continue, yet we are experiencing record heat waves, record droughts, and record wildfires, along with record demand in vacation homes that push our community workforce further and further away. These are existential threats that will require strong partnerships and leadership between the local and federal levels.

Climate action delivers direct quality of life benefits. Please ensure that the climate-action tenets of the American Jobs Plan remain intact throughout negotiations. May we deliver and secure a sustainable brighter future for America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TORRE".

Torre, MAYOR  
City of Aspen