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## Republican State Senator Don Coram Endorses Phil Weiser

Endorsement by Coram follows announcement of support from former Republican AG Cynthia Coffman and other high-profile Republicans and Independents from across the state

OCTOBER 12, 2022—Following the announcement by Republican Senator Don Coram that he is endorsing Attorney General Phil Weiser's re-election, Phil Weiser issued the following statement:

"Throughout this campaign, I keep hearing from voters that they want elected officials who seek real solutions for Colorado and are not satisfied with partisanship and gridlock. State Senator Don Coram—a long-time Republican legislator representing the Western Slope in the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives—has a well-known reputation as an elected leader who gets results, regardless of party affiliation. I've known Sen. Coram as a fierce voice for Western Slope communities, a champion of rural issues, and a staunch partner in defending Colorado's water. While Sen. Coram and I haven't always agreed on every matter, we always respected each other and are committed to listening to those from different backgrounds and different political parties. I'm very honored to have Sen. Don Coram's support for my re-election."

In his announcement, Coram stated:

"We are just one month away from the general election and potential voters must travel to the Denver Metro area to even know there is even an election happening! Most major party candidates on both sides seem to be taking their base, whatever that means anymore, for granted. It's truly disappointing.

Specifically, we've witnessed this in the race for Colorado Attorney General. In my view, the Republican candidate for AG has made little to no effort to acknowledge that rural Colorado even exists. Unlike others, I was not surprised when Former Speaker of the House Russ George and Former Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, both republicans, endorsed Phil Weiser for re-election as Attorney General.

AG Weiser has been to southwest Colorado more than any other Statewide elected official. Not only has he shown up, but he also listened. Phil works with all stakeholders to find solutions to the problems we face regardless of political party. Showing up, listening, doing the job, and leaving politics out of it, is what I'm looking for in an elected leader and that is why Phil Weiser has earned my vote for re-election."

Coram's endorsement of Weiser follows the endorsements last month from many prominent current and former Republican and Independent leaders who are supporting Weiser's re-election. Those officials include:

- Former Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, former chief deputy attorney general to a Republican attorney general, and former chief legal counsel to a Republican governor
- Former Speaker of the House of Representative Russ George
- Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis
- Former Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison
- Former Craig Mayor and Former Moffat County Commissioner Ray Beck
- Former Moffat County Commissioner Audrey Danner
- Former District Attorney Steve ErkenBrack, Mesa County, and former chief deputy attorney general to a Republican attorney general
- Commissioner Greg Felt, Chaffee County Commission
- Sheriff Justin Perry, Ouray County
- Commissioner Ben Tisdel, Ouray County Commission
- Former Assistant Republican Leader Cole Wist
- Former State Representative Rob Witwer
- Former District Attorney David Wood, Larimer and Jackson Counties

Statements from each of these officials are available <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>, as well as in the following videos featuring former and current Republican and Independent elected leaders supporting Weiser's work as Attorney General:

- Former Attorney General Cynthia Coffman; former Mayor Herb Atchison; and former Representative Rob Witwer, available <u>here</u>;
- Sheriff Joe Pelle, Boulder County; Sheriff Justin Perry, Ouray County; and Sheriff Robert Jackson, Alamosa County, available <u>here</u>;
- Commissioner Ben Tisdel, Ouray County; and Commissioner Greg Felt, Chaffee County, available <u>here</u>.

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