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The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Governor Polis,

As leaders of the Colorado Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), we commend you for respecting the right of educators in Denver to strike if necessary to bargain for fair, predictable and transparent wages.

We believe that the people who best know how to retain teachers, how to support teachers, and what kind of incentives teachers need, are the teachers themselves. We trust them and believe that you do too.

We hope this impasse does not result in a strike. However, we value and uphold the rights of workers to organize, bargain and strike if necessary. We have met with five members of the DPS Board of Education, DPS Superintendent Cordova and the DCTA leadership to understand both sides of the current conflict. We will continue to learn about the issues and perspectives and to encourage ongoing dialogue to help find a resolution to this conflict.

Again, we thank you for your support of Denver educators' right to fight for fair compensation. We look forward to collaborating with you and the legislature in finding additional revenue for adequately funding education and other priorities in Denver and statewide.

Sincerely,

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