Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper,

In the past, you have both participated in the annual Energy Summit of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association (COGA). We ask that as the 2021 conference begins, you both publicly boycott the event. Neither you nor any of your staff should attend.

The report earlier this month from the IPCC was unequivocal. Climate change is no longer a distant or hypothetical threat—it is a daily reality for millions, including many here in Colorado. Networking and glad-handing with the corporations responsible is simply unacceptable. Your participation in past Energy Summits has been used in promotional materials, tethering your names and reputations to the harm caused by COGA and its members. Colorado’s Senators must choose a side.

It is a sad irony that COGA’s 33rd Energy Summit is beginning today in Denver, only days after wildfires super-charged by fossil fuels were responsible for Denver having the worst air quality of any city on earth. As Congress continues to negotiate ambitious climate legislation, members of COGA continue to oppose the repeal of fossil fuel subsidies and needed investments in clean renewables. We fully expect you to boycott COGA and redouble your efforts towards ending Big Oil’s billions in special interest handouts.

Respectfully,

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350.org  North Range Concerned Citizens
Businesses for a Livable Climate  Our Revolution Colorado Springs
Call to Action Colorado  RapidShift Network
CatholicNetwork US  Small Business Alliance
CO Businesses for a Livable Climate  Spirit of the Sun
Food & Water Watch  Unite North Metro Denver
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