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## 2024 Colorado Capital Conference Draft Agenda

### Tuesday, June 11

2:00 - 5:00 pm

#### Attendee Registration

*Hyatt Regency Washington On Capitol Hill, Bryce Room  
400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001*

4:40 pm

#### Walking Group 1 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol

*Led by Margaret Uhler*

4:55 pm

#### Walking Group 2 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol

*Led by Berkeley Barnett*

5:30 - 7:00 pm

#### Welcome Reception

*Hart Senate Office Building, 9th Floor, SH 902  
120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002  
Enter the building through the Hart Horseshoe Door (2<sup>nd</sup> St, NE).*

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5:45 - 7:00 pm

#### Welcome Remarks

*U.S. Senator Michael Bennet  
U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper  
Colorado Mesa University President John Marshall  
University of Colorado President Todd Saliman  
Colorado State University System Chancellor Tony Frank  
Members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation*

7:00 - 7:30 pm

#### Walk to House Chamber

7:30 - 8:30 pm

#### House Floor Tour Led by Congressman Neguse



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## Wednesday, June 12

### Breakfast on Own

8:25 am

**Walking Group 1 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol**  
*Led by Margaret Uhler*

8:30 - 9:00 am

**Attendee Late Registration**  
*Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Lobby*  
*400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001*

8:45 am

**Walking Group 2 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol**  
*Led by Berkeley Barnett*

9:30 am

**Conference Day 1**  
*Capitol Visitors Center, SVC 210-212*  
*First St SE, Washington, DC 20515*  
*Enter the building through the CVC (North) Door.*

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9:30 - 9:35 pm

**University of Colorado President Todd Saliman Opening Remarks**

9:35 - 10:00 am

**U.S. Senator Michael Bennet Remarks**

10:00 - 10:30 am

**Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton**

10:30 - 10:45 am

**Remarks**

10:45 - 11:00 am

**Networking and Coffee Break**



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**11:00 – 11:40 am**

## **The Promise and Pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence**

*Moderated by Colorado Mesa University President John Marshall  
Ami Fields-Meyer, former Senior Policy Advisor to the Vice  
President, and Chief of Staff of the White House Office of Science  
& Technology Policy  
Elizabeth Kelly, Director, U.S. AI Safety Institute, NIST  
Miriam Vogel, President & CEO, EqualAI and Chair, National AI  
Advisory Committee*

**11:45 - 12:00 pm**

## **Remarks**

**12:00 - 12:30 pm**

## **Lunch**

*Break for lunch. Please visit the lunch buffet and eat at your seats.  
Keynote remarks begin at 12:30 pm.*

**12:30 - 1:00 pm**

## **Keynote Lunch Remarks by U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy**

*Fireside Chat Moderated by Jennifer Sobanet, Chancellor,  
University of Colorado Colorado Springs*

**1:00 - 1:30 pm**

## **Networking and Coffee Break**

**1:30 - 2:00 pm**

## **The Honorable Gina Raimondo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce**

**2:15 - 2:55 pm**

## **America's Global Partnerships**

*Moderated by Dan Baer, Senior Vice President for Policy Research,  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
The Honorable Marek Magierowski, Ambassador of Poland to the  
United States  
The Honorable Dr. Catalina Crespo-Sancho, Ambassador of Costa  
Rica to the United States  
The Honorable Karen Pierce, Ambassador of the United Kingdom  
to the United States*

**3:00 - 3:15 pm**

## **Networking and Coffee Break**

**3:15 - 3:30 pm**

## **Remarks**



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- 3:30 - 4:00 pm**                      **Dr. Danielle Carnival, Deputy Assistant to the President for the Cancer Moonshot**
- 4:00 - 4:50 pm**                      **Free Time**
- 4:50 pm**                                **Meet in Hyatt Regency Lobby to Load Shuttles**
- 4:55 pm**                                **Shuttles Depart for Happy Hour & Networking**
- 5:15 - 6:30 pm**                      **Happy Hour & Networking**  
*Dacha Navy Yard*  
*79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003*
- 6:30 pm**                                **Walk to Congressional Baseball Game**
- 7:00 pm**                                **Congressional Baseball Game**  
*Nationals Park*  
*1500 South Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003*  
*Seats are in section 114. Use the main Center Field Gates.*
- Please remember the Nationals Park [bag policy](#). The provided conference bag complies with the stadium bag policy.*
- 8:15 pm**                                **First Shuttle Returns to Hyatt Regency**  
*Please meet at the same location as drop off.*
- 9:15 pm**                                **Final Shuttle Returns to Hyatt Regency**  
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**9:30 - 9:35 pm** **Colorado State University System Chancellor Tony Frank**  
**Opening Remarks**

**9:35 - 10:00 am** **U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper Remarks**

**10:00 - 10:30 am** **The Honorable Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture**

**10:30 - 10:45 am** **Remarks**

**10:45 - 11:00 am** **Networking and Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 11:30 am** **Rebuilding the Middle Class: Policies to Restore the Promise of America**  
*Moderated by Grace Segers, Staff Writer, The New Republic*  
*Oren Cass, Executive Director, American Compass*



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*Chuck Marr, Vice President for Federal Tax Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

**11:30 - 12:00 pm**

### **Covering Capitol Hill**

*Moderated by U.S. Senator Michael Bennet  
Caitlyn Kim, Public Affairs Reporter, Colorado Public Radio  
Carl Hulse, Chief Washington Correspondent, The New York Times  
Burgess Everett, Congressional Bureau Chief, POLITICO*

**12:00 - 12:30 pm**

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### **Keynote Lunch Remarks: Bipartisan Success with Louisa Terrell and Sharon Soderstrom**

*Moderated by Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University Fort Collins  
Louisa Terrell, Former WH Director of Legislative Affairs  
Sharon Soderstrom, Chief of Staff, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell*

**1:00 pm**

### **Walk to Senate Steps for Group Photo**

**1:30 pm**

### **Walk to Supreme Court**

**2:00 - 3:00 pm**

### **Supreme Court Field Trip**

**3:00 - 6:00 pm**

### **Free Time**

**5:15 pm**

### **Walking Group 1 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol** *Led by Margaret Uhler*

**5:30 pm**

### **Walking Group 2 Departs Hyatt Regency for the Capitol** *Led by Berkeley Barnett*

**6:00 - 6:45 pm**

### **Networking Cocktail Reception**



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**6:45 - 8:30 pm**

**Evening Banquet**



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