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July 23, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

CC: The Honorable William P. Barr

RE: Request for Justice Department intervention and expansion of “Operation Legend” to protect law-abiding Colorado citizens abandoned by Governor Jared Polis while also helping to stop Governor Polis from issuing unconstitutional mandates that jeopardize Coloradan’s freedoms and way of life.

Dear Mr. President,

As a lawmaker representing Colorado House District 15, I officially request that your administration expand its “Operation Legend” efforts to include Colorado, specifically in the city of Denver as violent, deadly crime is on an upswing according to many news reports.

Sadly, the violence is being largely ignored by radical Democrats who are in a position to stop it.

Recently, various national media outlets reported that law-abiding citizens who peacefully assembled in the city of Denver to show their support for our law enforcement community were attacked by members of the domestic terrorist organization known as “Antifa.”

The raw footage from the event shows numerous violent altercations that were incited by these “Antifa” thugs against innocent people who included prominent public figures like national political commentator, Michelle Malkin, Weld County Sheriff Steve Reams, and Colorado House GOP Leader, Rep. Patrick Neville, who you’ve personally hosted at the White House.

What was especially appalling about this incident was that the Denver Police Department was given orders to not protect the innocent from the mob.

Additionally, Governor Polis, who is charged by law to protect our State Capitol building, has allowed criminals to vandalize, deface, and destroy the Capitol grounds as well as the surrounding public and private property near it.

Governor Polis is also enabling these criminals to openly defecate in public areas, harass hard-

working bystanders, and engage in drug use near locations that businesses and the public operate in.

The situation is becoming more and more untenable and many Coloradans are wondering what it will take for those in power to stop the lawlessness.

To make matters worse, Governor Polis, who is refusing to restore law and order by stopping these criminals, is instead punishing hard-working, honest citizens who are desperately trying to pay their bills and make ends meet while the economy is artificially shut down.

By using the Chinese coronavirus pandemic as an excuse for his unprecedented power grabs, Governor Polis is issuing unconstitutional mandates that have shuttered businesses, churches, schools, and other community activities. His latest two orders were a statewide mask mandate and an order for restaurants to stop serving alcohol by 10pm.

Colorado is going too far with these restrictions and a recent study that was reported by the Colorado news publication, Westword, found that Colorado was one of the most restrictive states in the country.

The good news is that there are those of us who are trying to fight back against the overreach of radical Democrats led by Governor Polis.

Recently, restaurants represented by the Tavern League of Colorado have filed a lawsuit against Governor Polis to stop his unconstitutional mandates, which set outrageous capacity limits and prohibited the serving of alcohol after 10pm.

Additionally, our Colorado House GOP Leader, Rep. Patrick Neville, will be filing a lawsuit in the days ahead to stop the Governor's unconstitutional statewide mask mandate.

Given that lawsuits are being filed to combat Governor Polis' overreach and the commitment by U.S. Attorney General William Barr to oppose radical state restrictions, I also officially request that your administration, through the Justice Department, provide legal resources and assistance to the Tavern League of Colorado and Rep. Patrick Neville for their respective lawsuits against Governor Jared Polis.

Governor Polis, in his smug arrogance, is violating the right of citizens to freely make health care decisions for themselves and families while also coddling criminals who are continuously encouraged to violate the rule of law by the Governor's willful inaction to protect the public he falsely claims to serve.

Mr. President, we need your help now more than ever.

The people of Colorado have been left to fend for themselves and you, being the President of law and order, are our only hope.

Respectfully,



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