



Capitol Fund – *Working to Reduce Gun Violence*

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[Denver, Colorado] September 11, 2013 - Last night Senators John Morse and Angela Giron entered that pantheon of courageous politicians, those who labored for the common good but were rejected by their very own constituents. Their lives will take a new direction, but the state of Colorado has been robbed of the exceptional service of two dedicated individuals who were undeterred by the threats and bluster of a powerful lobby and its adherents.

The legacy of the stronger gun laws they passed will continue and will be saving lives for decades to come.

- No longer in Colorado will a killer be able to acquire a gun as easily as a candy bar.
- No longer in Colorado will ammunition magazines be sold enabling a shooter to mow down scores of individuals before reloading.
- No longer in Colorado will wife-beaters be able to keep their firearms to shoot and kill the victims of their abuse.

Despite the misleading recall campaign rhetoric, **NOT ONE law-abiding citizen of this state will lose his or her firearms because of these new gun laws.**

Fourteen years ago, Colorado reeled from the killing spree at Columbine High School that took the lives of twelve innocent students and their teacher. In July 2012 we were stunned to see our newspapers again covered with the pictures of twelve victims of yet another deranged shooter, this time at an Aurora theater. In the time between those events, 7200 Coloradans were shot dead. Last December the nation responded in shock and grief to the slaughter of twenty first-graders and six educators in Newtown, Connecticut. For Senators Morse and Giron, the response went beyond shock and grief and into action -- legislative proposals to begin a process of reducing the scope and prevalence of these killings.

We at Colorado Ceasefire have one word to describe Senators Morse and Giron: heroes.

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