

# Thank you, Colorado

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Fellow Coloradans,

I have the honor of writing you today as the next Secretary of the United States Department of Interior. As I move on to serve Colorado, the West and the Nation in this new capacity, I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you how privileged I feel to have served as your United States Senator for the past four years.

When I was elected to the United States Senate in 2004, I went to Washington with the simple goal of making Colorado a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I am proud of the many things we have accomplished together. We fought to protect our land and water; we fought to increase the availability of quality, affordable health coverage for all; we fought to strengthen our nation's defenses and better protect our homeland; we fought to build a clean energy economy and bring thousands of good-paying jobs to Colorado communities; and we fought tirelessly to create a better future for our children and our grandchildren.

I feel blessed to have walked with you on this joyous journey of the last four years—a journey that has taken me to each of Colorado's sixty-four counties many times over, from the towns and cities of the Western Slope to the farming and ranching communities on the Eastern Plains. Everywhere I went, from Sedgwick to Saguache, you welcomed me into your homes, your businesses and your schools. I will remain eternally grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Today, I leave my post as your United States Senator with a firm and unyielding belief that there is no limit to what we can accomplish, that there is no problem we cannot solve, so long as we remember that we are in this together. It has been an extraordinary privilege to serve you, the five million people of this great state, as your United States Senator. You can be certain that as your Secretary of the Interior, I will work hard, every day, to make you proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Salazar".

Ken Salazar

