

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE  
AURORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
DENVER, COLORADO  
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THANK YOU, DAN (CONGRESSMAN SCHAEFER), FOR THOSE KIND WORDS OF INTRODUCTION. LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT DAN SCHAEFER IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE AND ITS TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE WHERE HE WORKS WITH MUCH OF OUR LEGISLATION AND I HAVE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. DAN IS KNOWN IN WASHINGTON FOR HIS CONSTITUENT SERVICES AND HE REPRESENTS YOUR INTERESTS IN THE STRONGEST TRADITION.

WHAT A JOY TO BE IN THE THIRD LARGEST CITY IN COLORADO AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN AMERICA. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IN 1950 AURORA HAD A POPULATION OF 11,000 AND TODAY YOUR CITY IS OVER 200,000. THIS TREMENDOUS GROWTH IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY -- TO MEMBERS OF THE



CHAMBER AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS -- LEADERS OF A VERY AGGRESSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. I KNOW YOUR AIRPORT IS A HIGH PRIORITY IN YOUR GROWTH PLANS, AND I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU PLACE TRANSPORTATION AS THE CENTERPIECE OF YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. YOUR VALUES ARE WELL PLACED.

LET ME SPEND JUST A MOMENT GIVING YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES.

\* I HOPE TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF BETTER GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION --WE ARE REDEFINING GOVERNMENT IF YOU WILL.

\* IT IS MY GOAL TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF OWNING RAILROADS AND OPERATING AIRPORTS.

-- CONRAIL

-- AIRPORT

\* SAFETY ACROSS ALL MODES IS MY HIGHEST PRIORITY.

\* NEW RULE REQUIRING RAILROAD EMPLOYEES NOT TO DRINK OR USE DRUGS ON THE JOB; 12 YEARS IN THE MAKING.

\* FUTURE CHALLENGES

-- COMMERCIAL SPACE,

-- DRUGS. TRAVELERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT AND RECEIVE A DRUG FREE TRANSPORTATION. AND I'M DETERMINED TO SEE THIS HAPPEN.

-- FAA REAUTHORIZATION.

IN CONCLUSION, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN THE JOURNEY THAT LEADS TO AN EVER-BETTER, SAFER SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION -- THE FINEST IN OUR HISTORY. I SENSE FROM THE SPIRIT EVIDENT HERE TODAY THAT THE

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS OF AURORA DO NOT NEED TO BE CONVINCED. THE TRADITION OF THIS CITY AS A TRANSPORTATION HUB IS WELL-ESTABLISHED, AND MUCH OF YOUR ECONOMY HAS BEEN BUILT ON THE QUALITY OF YOUR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT AURORA WILL MORE THAN MEET THE CHALLENGES. I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE JOURNEY WITH YOU.

AND NOW, I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO ASK.

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