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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Jordon Daniel, Concerned Veterans for America Action Advisor
RE: Cory Gardner: A Leader for the Centennial State's Veteran Community
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Concerned Veterans for America Action today announces its endorsement of Senator Cory Gardner for reelection. CVA Action is dedicated to supporting candidates based on their active leadership roles on top policy priorities for improving the lives of all Americans. Below is the explanation of our endorsement.

Representing the Centennial State, including the more than 400,000 veterans who call Colorado home, means working toward solutions to the greatest challenges the veterans and military communities face. More importantly, representing Coloradans means demonstrating a dedication to principles in the face of adversity and standing up for those who have stood up for us.

This well describes the tenure of Cory Gardner. From his time in the state house to the U.S. House of Representatives to the U.S. Senate, representing all Coloradans and being a champion for those who have served and sacrificed for this great nation.

That's why we must ensure Senator Cory Gardner can continue to be the leader Colorado's veteran community needs by re-electing him this November.

Just six years ago, the Phoenix VA scandal rocked our nation, and more importantly, the veteran community. With over 200 veterans dying while waiting for care in Phoenix, the clear need for accountability, transparency, and legislative solutions emerged. While Phoenix is a long way from the 23 VA Hospitals that serve our sprawling veteran community, Senator Gardner's proven leadership was needed.

Sen. Gardner showed that leadership by working across the aisle and [co-sponsoring](#) legislation to ensure greater accountability and transparency at the VA, and put an end to protections for bad employees who did not have the best interests or care for the veterans they served in mind.

This effort led the way to landmark reforms - such as the bipartisan [VA MISSION Act](#) - that would improve the lives of Colorado's veterans, active duty servicemembers, and their families.

When the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Act of 2017 became law, Cory [made clear](#) he prioritized this issue because "the men and women who served our country deserve the best possible care."

His desire to ensure those who have served our country can access quality care continued through Cory's support for [reform](#) after [reform](#) of the VA and its lackluster care that previously required Coloradans to drive long distances for services they could easily receive in their own communities.

It's clear Cory's leadership provides a [better path](#) forward for our active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their families to receive the care they need and deserve. But these pivotal reforms are being threatened, putting our

veterans at risk of losing the health care options they have earned. We must re-elect Sen. Gardner to continue leading the way for Colorado veterans and their families.

Now, more than ever, Colorado's active duty and veteran communities need a leader in Washington like Sen. Gardner who will stand up and fight for principled solutions to our biggest challenges. Senator Cory Gardner has proven he is that leader.

Concerned Veterans for America Action urges Colorado's active duty servicemembers, veterans, their families, their neighbors, and all Colorado voters to support Senator Cory Gardner's re-election this November.