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## **House Republican Statement on Union Protest**

*House Majority Whip B.J. Nikkel, R-Loveland and Joint Budget Committee member Rep. Jon Becker, R-Fort Morgan, today issued the following statements in reaction to the labor union rally, held at the Colorado State Capitol:*

“Governor Hickenlooper and Republicans in Colorado and across the nation are standing up to make the tough, but necessary decisions, to spend less now, balance state budgets, and put our state and nation back on track for economic recovery” said House Majority Whip B.J. Nikkel, R-Loveland. “It is unfortunate that the labor unions, along with many of our Democrat colleagues from the President to the state legislature, have chosen to bury their heads in the sand and ignore the economic reality of what is happening in our country.”

“For our economy to grow, employers can no longer afford to foot the bill for ever increasing amount of spending. Public employee unions must be willing to share in the same sacrifices that have been made by Colorado’s families and job creators” said Joint Budget Committee member Rep. Jon Becker, R-Fort Morgan. “When the protest is over and the signs are put away, we welcome our friends in the unions and across the aisle to join us and Governor Hickenlooper in providing the necessary leadership to get our economy back on track and begin creating private sector jobs.”

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