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Dear Friends,

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On behalf of Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, I'm pleased to write this letter of support for 50 For Tibet and the Colorado-based Team Highpoint. As a fundraising effort for The Rowell Fund for Tibet, the goal of Team Highpoint is to reach the highest points in all 50 states. Since June of 2006, the Team has climbed over 76,000 feet of elevation, traveled over 60,000 miles, and reached 47 state highpoints, including Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this effort is to help communicate important Tibetan community issues to the broader Tibetan population and to a national audience, as well as to preserve Tibetan culture in the face of the Chinese occupation. Every year, grants are awarded to Tibetans pursuing interests such as photography, film-making, writing, journalism, and projects that promote these skills within the Tibetan community.

As someone who has had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Asia, I feel a deep connection with that part of the world. I have spent time in Tibet, getting to know the people and sharing in their customs and traditions. The Tibetans are a peaceful and spiritual people, and the preservation of Tibet's unique cultural heritage enriches our global community. Team Highpoint/50 for Tibet is making a positive and essential difference in the lives of Tibetans, and their efforts deserve special praise.

I support Team Highpoint's work wholeheartedly and hope that others will give this organization every consideration.

Warm Regards,

Mark Udall
Member of Congress