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It's Time! Kirkmeyer Launches Gubernatorial Campaign

Can-do Legislator Ready to Turn Colorado Around and Bring Better Days

(FORT LUPTON, CO, Sept. 9, 2025) – State Senator Barb Kirkmeyer today announced her candidacy for Governor of Colorado.

The Weld County Republican announced today that she is running to provide responsible leadership to the state, while promising to create a more affordable Colorado with safer communities, better roads, and stronger schools.

“That is why I am running for Governor: to deliver results that improve people’s lives, and to ensure Colorado’s best days are ahead of us,” Kirkmeyer said to a crowd of supporters.

“Over the coming weeks, I will lay out a series of clear commitments to Colorado. I want voters to know where I stand, and I expect to be held accountable.”

Kirkmeyer is one of two Republicans who sit on the state legislature’s powerful Joint Budget Committee and has gone toe-to-toe with multiple state agencies, pushing back against bloated budget requests, working to rein in unchecked spending, and working across the aisle to increase accountability and transparency.

“I’ve talked with Coloradans across the state who are tired of feeling like they’re living in a state of inevitable decline – high crime, runaway spending and budget deficits, crumbling roads, and underperforming schools. But decline is a choice and not a foregone

conclusion. Bad decision-making by lawmakers got us into this mess. The flip side is that good decision-making can turn things around. It's time!" Kirkmeyer said.

Amid a field of 15 Republican candidates, Kirkmeyer stands out as the only candidate having the experience to win against a well-funded Democrat. In addition to her role on the Joint Budget Committee and tenure in the state legislature, she served more than a decade as a Weld County Commissioner, where she fought to make and keep the county debt-free while investing in better roads, improving public safety and partnering with municipalities to create affordable communities.

Kirkmeyer, a mother, grandmother, business owner, and lifelong Coloradan, first learned the value of hard work and thrift on her family's dairy farm in Jefferson County. "I grew up poor. My job was to feed the calves before and after school for \$2 a month. By the time I was nine, I had saved enough to buy my first heifer calf and join 4-H. Those experiences taught me to work hard and stretch every dollar—lessons Colorado could use today."

Learn more about Barb's campaign at www.KirkmeyerforColorado.com.

Watch her announcement video at <https://youtu.be/4aXl9H-SAdc>

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