

United States Senate
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Aspen Center for Physics
50th Anniversary Celebration
Aspen, Colorado

Dear Physics Center Leadership, Members, and Attendees:

We send our warmest congratulations as you celebrate your 50th anniversary at the Aspen Center for Physics.

Reaching this milestone is certainly worth celebrating, as the Center is a truly unique setting in which some of the world's best scientists gather to pursue scientific knowledge. Those of you here today represent a mere handful of the tens of thousands whose research, understanding and perspectives have been fostered by the Center.

The staggering numbers—of research papers, participating physicists, scientific achievements and Nobel Laureates—that can be claimed by the Center are a herald of true accomplishment. However, we wish to not only offer praise and support for these scientific achievements, but also commend the Center for its commitment to community outreach and public education. The Center's free, public lectures and interactive programs intended to engage kids in science help spark the imaginations and interest of our future scientists. A place where leading scientists not only explore new realms of knowledge, but also introduce big ideas to Coloradans of all ages is truly something special.

We both wish we could be there to celebrate this significant occasion and we look forward to witnessing the future successes of the Center. Thank you and enjoy the day.

Sincerely,



Mark Udall
United States Senator



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator