



*A special message for  
Colorado citizens from  
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Dear Fellow Coloradan,

It's not every day that individuals find themselves in a position to significantly impact the direction of an entire nation, but that's exactly where you are today. **As a Colorado voter, you are right in the middle of one of the most important and closely watched Senate races in the country.**

The stakes in this contest could not be higher. If Barack Obama wins the White House—a very real possibility—the U.S. Senate will be the last defense against his liberal agenda on abortion and marriage. Sen. Obama has already promised to support the Freedom of Choice Act, which would overturn every pro-life law on abortion in the nation. He has also pledged to abolish the Defense of Marriage Act and to allow open homosexuality in our military. The only hope of stopping this radical onslaught will be a strong showing of commonsense conservatives in the Senate.

A conservative Senate will be no less important under a McCain presidency. If John McCain should emerge victorious in November, he'll need every Senate vote he can get to confirm Supreme Court judges who will uphold the Constitution and restore sanity to our courts.

That's why Colorado's Senate race is so critical. **The contrast between the candidates is sharp. Bob Schaffer, who demonstrated his character by honoring his term limits pledge, maintained a consistently pro-life and pro-family record in Congress. Mark Udall, on the other hand, has established an audaciously liberal record that has made him the pride of Boulder, his hometown.**

Please take a careful look at the issue checklist to the right. It contains details regarding the candidates' stands on life, marriage and the judiciary, as well as insights on other issues that are important to families—such as gas prices and the threat of higher taxes.

Focus Action would not presume to tell you how to vote, but my hope is that you will carefully consider this information and then do two things:

- 1) Contact the candidates and let them know how you feel about their positions. I think you'll agree that politicians are much more attentive before elections than after.
- 2) Take a moment right now—while it's on your mind—to share this information with others. **Feel free to photocopy this letter and chart, or look for a printable version and links at our web site ([www.CitizenLink.com](http://www.CitizenLink.com)).**

There is so much at stake during this election season. Please do all you can to uphold what is right and to make your voice heard.

Sincerely,



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Founder and Chairman

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| KEY ISSUES   | BOB SCHAFFER   | MARK UDALL   |
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| <b>LIFE</b><br>Does the candidate support pro-life policies?   | <b>YES</b><br>Schaffer earned a 100 percent pro-life voting record in Congress, according to the National Right to Life Committee.   | <b>NO</b><br>Udall has a 0 percent lifetime voting record from National Right to Life. He supports partial-birth abortion and regularly receives donations from Warren Hern, the controversial late-term abortionist from Boulder.   |
| <b>MARRIAGE</b><br>Does the candidate support traditional marriage and oppose the agenda of the gay lobby?   | <b>YES</b><br>Schaffer supports preserving marriage as the union of one man and one woman. He opposes allowing open homosexuality in the armed forces. He supported the right of the Boy Scouts to choose troop leaders based on their moral standards.        | <b>NO</b><br>Udall voted against the federal marriage amendment and supported domestic partnerships in Colorado. He has a lifetime rating of 100 percent from the nation's top gay rights organization. He's a sponsor of a bill to allow open homosexuality in the armed forces. He supported using federal funds to punish the Boy Scouts for not allowing homosexual troop leaders. |
| <b>JUDGES</b><br>Does the candidate support the confirmation of judges like John Roberts and Samuel Alito, who will uphold the Constitution rather than re-write it? | <b>YES</b><br>Schaffer has stated that he would have supported both Roberts and Alito. He also affirms his support for judges who will exercise judicial restraint—interpreting the law rather than making the law.  | <b>NO</b><br>Udall voiced support for Roberts and criticism of Alito. Party pressure combined with his strong pro-abortion stance make it highly questionable that Udall would vote to confirm similar nominees in the Senate.   |
| <b>TAXES</b><br>Does the candidate generally support lower taxes?  | <b>YES</b><br>Schaffer supported the 2001 tax cuts, supported eliminating the death tax, and supported a measure to make it harder for Congress to raise taxes. He was named a "Taxpayer's Friend" by the National Taxpayers Union.                            | <b>NO</b><br>Udall opposed the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, opposed eliminating the death tax, and opposed a measure to make it harder for Congress to raise taxes. Udall's Congressional voting record earned him an "F" from the National Taxpayers Union.  |
| <b>GAS PRICES</b><br>Will the candidate protect family budgets by allowing safe off-shore drilling and responsible development of oil shale in western Colorado?     | <b>YES</b><br>Schaffer supports reducing foreign dependence on oil—and lowering prices at the pump—by allowing environmentally safe off-shore drilling. He also supports allowing the vast oil-shale resources in western Colorado to be responsibly accessed. | <b>NO</b><br>Udall has been a Congressional leader in opposing the development of oil resources. In 2007, Udall sponsored a successful amendment to block the development of oil-shale resources. He has voted against off-shore drilling 15 times since 2001.   |