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## CO-4 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JOHN PADORA HIGHLIGHTS ONGOING ATTACK ON CHOICE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

FOLLOWING RECENT IN VITRO RULING AND ABORTION BANS

**WINDSOR, CO**- Ahead of International Women's Day (March 8), Colorado's 4th Congressional Democratic Candidate John Padora sheds light on the attacks and injustices to be rectified against women and birthing people.

Despite the numerous and astounding contributions women have made to our society, and the incessant fight by women for true equality around the world, there are countless disparities still separating women, especially women of color, from cisgender men. Globally, nearly 2.4 billion women do not share the same economic rights as their male counterparts, 380 million women and girls are living in extreme poverty, and one woman or girl is killed by a family member every 11 minutes.

More locally, the recent attacks on In Vitro Fertilization and other forms of reproductive healthcare demonstrate the desire to weaponize policy against women and birthing people. John Padora says now is the moment to bolster support for women's autonomy and finally codify the right to abortion, IVF and other means of reproductive healthcare.

"To the GOP, banning IVF and abortion isn't about the sanctity of life. It is all about control, " said John Padora, Congressional District 4 Democratic candidate. "Despite claiming to stand for family values while countless families are living paycheck-to-paycheck with virtually no time off to welcome new children, Republicans choose to focus their efforts on robbing a woman of her right to choose through abortion and IVF bans."

IVF and contraception are overwhelmingly popular. 84 percent of Republican voters are in support of safe and accessible birth control, and 86 percent of respondents to a



recent poll supported access to IVF, including among those who identified as "pro-life" and Evangelical.

In the truest form of irony, the GOP continues to defend their crusade on women's rights because they are "pro-life," meanwhile millions of children in America live in poverty and they choose instead to fight against the child tax credit that lifted 30% of those children out of poverty practically overnight.

"The status of women is the status of democracy, and as Congressman, I will fight tirelessly to ensure that every woman and girl has every political, economic, and social right befitting a truly equitable world," said Padora. "On this International Women's Day, we remember how far we have come in returning the equal rights women have always deserved, but we must also remember how much work there is still left to do."

John Padora is available for one-on-one interviews with advance notice. Please contact Katherine Garcia at <u>katherine@padoraforcongress.com</u> or 325-513-4477 for interview requests.

John Padora Events

Saturday, March 19, 2024

Time TBD

House District 61 Meet the Candidate Aurora, Colorado

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8:00 am-5:00 pm

High Plains Ag Expo Island Grove Event Center 421 N 15th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631, USA

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