



**COLORADO**  
Governor Jared Polis

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Stan Hilkey, Chair  
Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice  
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Dear Chair Hilkey and Commissioners,

Thank you, members of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and subcommittee members for all of the hard work and dedication that you have committed over the years towards fulfilling the body's mission to enhance public safety, ensure justice, and to ensure protection of the rights of victims through the cost-effective use of public resources. Your commitment to criminal and juvenile justice issues has been a great service to the state of Colorado and has produced numerous positive results and outcomes for the public and those who interface with the justice system.

While I am disappointed by the General Assembly's decision to not reauthorize the CCJJ, I'm grateful for the tremendous work that has been produced by the commission since its inception in 2007 and excited to work with you on the path forward for making Colorado safer. The work of the CCJJ driven by the broad spectrum of multidisciplinary experts has led to 148 legislative recommendations, 123 successful bills, and 152 policy recommendations. The volume and quality of your work is to be commended, and you have my sincere appreciation for the time you have volunteered to enhance public safety throughout the state.

While we contemplate the next steps in filling the large void that the commission will leave, we should celebrate the numerous contributions that a thoughtful and deliberative body such as CCJJ has achieved. On behalf of the state of Colorado, thank you for your willingness to dedicate time and effort to issues that will undoubtedly affect each and every Coloradan.

Sincerely,

Governor Polis