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U.S. Senator Michael Bennet



Committee Assignments:

- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Michael Bennet was appointed to the United States Senate in 2009 by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter following a vacancy left by Ken Salazar who was appointed U.S. Secretary of the Interior by President Barack Obama. After winning election in 2010, Senator Bennet began a full six-year term. Prior to his time in the Senate, Bennet served as Superintendent of Denver Public Schools (DPS) and Chief of Staff to then Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper. Prior to time in the Denver Mayor's office, he was the Managing Director at the Anschutz Investment Company. As Colorado's senior Senator, Bennet has brought his experience working in DPS and in the financial services sector to the U.S. Senate with a strong focus on student achievement and fiscal responsibility.

Senator Bennet graduated from Wesleyan University, and went on to earn his law degree from Yale Law School. He and his wife and three daughters reside in Denver.

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner



Committee Assignments:

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Foreign Relations

Cory Gardner was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014, and is currently serving his first term in the chamber. Prior to his Senate election, Gardner served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives , representing Colorado's 4th Congressional District. He served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 2005-2010. Prior to elected office, Gardner served on former U.S. Senator Wayne Allard's staff in Washington, DC and worked for his family's farm implement dealership in Yuma, CO. Due to his experience working for his family's farming business and representing the Eastern plains for over a decade, Gardner is known as a policy leader regarding natural resources and agriculture issues.

Senator Gardner graduated from Colorado State University and went on to receive his law degree from CU-Boulder. He lives in Yuma with his wife and three children.

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