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### Opening of the Second Regular Session of Colorado 74th General Assembly

**Denver, Colorado** – Today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the Colorado General Assembly opened the Second Regular Session of the 74<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. State Representative Marc Catlin of House District 58 is entering his final year of his fourth term. The term-limited Representative continues to serve on the Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee (Vice-Chairman); Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee (Ranking Member); and Capital Development Committee.

The representative has two bills that have been introduced in the House, as of now. The bills entitled:

1. [Regulate Sale Transfer Sodium Nitrite – HB24-1081](#)

This bill will limit the general access to products with sodium nitrite with concentrations above 10%; verified commercial businesses will still have access. Sodium nitrite has been promoted on popular social media sites as an effective method to complete suicide, due to it being readily available, fast acting, and the reversing agent not commonly found. According to the Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in ten high school students attempted suicide in 2021.

2. [Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice – HB24-1047](#)

The bill will establish a veterinary technician specialist designation. The bill will direct the State Board of Veterinary Medicine to promulgate rules for supervision and veterinary medicine tasks for veterinary technician, veterinary technician specialist and other licensed veterinarians.

Representative Catlin says, "I am honored to be entering my final year at the legislature. It is humbling to have the people of Western Colorado send me back for eight years. There is still a lot more to complete, policy that the people of rural and western Colorado need. I am looking forward to bringing legislation that the people have asked for to help our economies thrive."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and is Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

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