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STATEMENT: Kelly Brough on Anniversary of Columbine

Denver, CO – Today on the eve of the 24th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting, mayoral candidate Kelly Brough released the following statement to observe the anniversary and acknowledge the pain, trauma and fear that gun violence in schools continues to inflict on our kids, educators and communities.

“24 years later after Columbine and our communities are still suffering from the trauma and pain of reckless gun violence in schools – and it’s utterly unacceptable,” said Kelly Brough. **“I am heart-broken and outraged by the ongoing gun violence in and around Denver schools. I stand in solidarity with students, parents, and educators of East High School while they rightfully demand action from their elected leaders. Their courageous advocacy is admirable. At the same time, I can’t help but feel that we have failed our kids and educators if they’re spending their time and energy fighting to keep guns out of schools, rather than focusing on learning.**

“I’m the mom of two daughters who attended Denver Public Schools and I understand the fear and frustration that families face when they send their children off to school. No parent should have to worry if their kid is going to come back home at the end of the day. As mayor, I would use my political capital and the safety resources of the city to ensure every DPS student is safe at school. I will act with the urgency our kids deserve.”

Kelly is recognized as a Gun Sense Candidate by Moms Demand Action. You can read her plan to address gun violence in schools [HERE](#).

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Kelly Brough is not a politician and has never run for office, but she has the lived experience to understand the challenges facing Denver families and the executive experience to take action and make real, positive change. Her proven track record and experience as the Chief of Staff to former Mayor John Hickenlooper and first woman CEO of the Denver Chamber of Commerce

has positioned her to successfully tackle Denver's biggest challenges like housing costs, homelessness, and public safety. Learn more about Kelly at <https://kellybrough.com/>.