



A STATEMENT FROM COLORADO CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS OPPOSED TO BALLOT AMENDMENTS 47, 49, and 54.

As clergy and religious leaders from various faith traditions in Colorado, we would like to publicly applaud the Colorado Labor Movement, Protect Colorado's Future and the many mainstream business leaders who have recently come together in an unprecedented way to oppose Amendments 47, 49, and 54. Such joint efforts to serve the common good are to be both celebrated and honored.

Like many people of faith in our different congregations and communities, we are deeply concerned about important family issues such as the rate of home foreclosures, the lack of affordable health care coverage for children, and the need for more family-supporting jobs that provide good wages and benefits.

There now seems to be broad agreement that Amendments 47, 49, and 54 simply make it harder in different ways for public servants and workers like nurses and firefighters to advocate for improvements in their workplace and for their profession.

During this time of great economic uncertainty in our country, we should be especially careful of Amendments that would change our State Constitution and make it harder for workers and their employers to reach their own agreements about how their workplace is structured.

Therefore, we call on all people of good will to join with the labor and business leaders of Colorado in Voting NO on Amendments 47, 49, and 54.

Please note: (The congregations and/or organizations below are listed for identification purposes only. The signatures represent only the position of the individual clergy and religious leaders who have signed on in support).

Sincerely,

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