



Rep. Diana DeGette's

# 2024 Year in Review

Proudly Representing Colorado's First District

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# A Message from Diana



The end of the year is here, and I am grateful to have represented you throughout the 118th Congress. This year brought its fair share of challenges, not only here in Denver, but across the country and around the world. In the face of these challenges, I saw our community members come together to support one another. So I came to Washington in January ready to tackle the issues that matter the most to you and your family.

This year marked 25 years since the tragic Columbine school shooting – a stark reminder of the need to continue to pursue commonsense gun violence prevention measures to help keep our children and grandchildren safe.

At the start of this year, I unveiled an effort to force Congress to address the ongoing crisis and bring sensible gun safety legislation up for a vote. While we ultimately were not successful because the conservative leadership was unwilling to act, I am fully committed to pushing this effort forward.

I also continued efforts to protect reproductive care as extreme politicians work to limit a woman's freedom to make decisions about her own body. As Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus, I am determined to fight for reproductive freedom for all.

There's still more work to do, including supporting those experiencing homelessness, lowering the cost of everyday goods, and protecting Colorado's pristine wilderness. But I am honored to be in this fight with you and will continue to deliver for Colorado's 1st District in 2025.

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year, and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana DeHoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# In 2024, Diana delivered for Colorado's First, including:



**11,000+** calls from constituents



**900+** constituents helped



**3,200+** constituent letters sent



**450+** votes cast



**5** bills passed by the House



**48** bills cosponsored



## Restoring Reproductive Freedom

As co-chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus, Rep. DeGette is leading the fight to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade nationwide after the Supreme Court's overall in 2022.

In January, as part of her ongoing efforts to ensure every American has access to the full spectrum of reproductive care, Rep. DeGette led 263 Members of Congress on an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to reverse a dangerous ruling that restricted access to mifepristone nationwide. To maintain momentum on this important issue, Rep. DeGette invited Adrienne Mansanares, President and CEO of Planned of the Rocky Mountains, as her guest to the State of the Union address.

And in June, Rep. DeGette joined HHS Secretary Becerra in Denver to mark two years since the Dobbs decision and lead a press conference with House Democrats in Washington, reaffirming their commitment to restoring reproductive freedom for all.



## Combating the Climate Crisis

As the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, Rep. DeGette has played a key role in shaping the nation's energy policies.

In July, Rep. DeGette's bipartisan bill, the Atomic Energy Advancement Act, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden, modernizing America's nuclear energy production and workforce, bringing us closer to a net-zero emissions goal.

Rep. DeGette also introduced a bipartisan bill this year to establish the Department of Energy's Experienced Worker Program to build and retain our nation's experienced energy workforce, helping to meet the growing demand for clean energy employees.



## Protecting Public Lands

Colorado is home to some of the most unique and treasured landscapes in the country, generating billions of dollars for the state's economy in tourism.

In March, President Biden announced the completion of an approximately 221,898-acre withdrawal from the Thompson Divide, an action that protects the area from the operation of public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

Rep. DeGette, a longtime advocate for national wilderness designations, including the Thompson Divide, was an outspoken cheerleader for this decision to protect these public lands in Colorado. And in July, she re-introduced the Colorado Wilderness Act of 2024 and the Protecting America's Wilderness Act to ensure that even more of Colorado's most treasured landscapes remain protected.



## Preventing Gun Violence

Rep. DeGette has been an outspoken advocate for enacting new commonsense gun safety measures to help protect our communities and is a member of the House's Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.

In January, Rep. DeGette filed a discharge petition to ban the importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of high-capacity gun magazines. If 218 signatures are reached, the petition would force the bill to be brought to the House floor for a vote, pushing Congress to rid these weapons of war from our streets.

In April, on the 25th anniversary of the shooting at Columbine High School, Rep. DeGette joined lawmakers, Columbine survivors, and gun violence prevention advocates to call for Congress to take concrete action to address this epidemic.

## Advocating for Patients

As co-chair of the Diabetes Caucus and an original author of the 21st Century Cures Act, Rep. DeGette has been a trailblazer for the next generation of health care policy in Congress.

This year, Rep. DeGette has been laser-focused on ensuring that patients and doctors are delivered clinical results with the utmost certainty. Her bill, the Verifying Accurate, Leading-edge, IVCT Development, or VALID Act, would improve how clinical lab diagnostics are regulated and improve the accuracy of lab-developed tests.

In March, the House passed several of Rep. DeGette's bills, including the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act to ensure women receive the care and support they deserve during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. And the House passed the Preventive Health Savings Act, to improve how Congress considers preventive health policy.

In 2025, she'll continue this progress as the top Democrat of the health subcommittee.



## Delivering for Denver

From tackling homelessness to uplifting underserved groups to enhancing Denver's infrastructure, Rep. DeGette has worked to secure Congressional funding that makes a real difference for Denverites. In June, she celebrated a \$4.5 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production, preservation, and lower housing costs for Denverites.

She also led several letters to swiftly distribute critical funding from FEMA for care for newly processed asylum seekers.

And her constituent services work, which includes helping Denverites resolve their federal casework issues, continues to provide critical support for our community.

# Constituent Success Stories

*“Social Security/Medicare billing for my husband was inaccurate since he first started collecting Social Security benefits. After working to resolve this for years, I turned to Rep. DeGette’s Office. They were able to penetrate the bureaucracy and get the billing corrected after my husband passed away. I am so grateful for the help of the excellent and responsive people in Rep. DeGette’s Office.”*

**—Teresa B.**

*“If you live in Colorado's 1st Congressional District and are having an issue with an agency of the federal government, I highly recommend you contact Congresswoman Diana DeGette's office. She and her staff are very professional, friendly, compassionate, and most of all, they get results.”*

**—John S.**

*“I truly believe that if it wasn’t for Congresswoman DeGette and her wonderful staff [securing us housing], that my husband and I would have died while living in our tent on Cherry Creek! Thank you so very much, I don’t think that I could ever repay the kindness she bestowed upon us! Thank you again!”*

**—Sharon M.**

# Get In Touch

**Having trouble with a federal agency?  
Some of the issues our office can help with include:**

- Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security claim denials and delays
- VA programs, including housing and benefits
- Small business loans
- Passports, visas, and immigration issues
- Postal service issues
- Internal Revenue Service issues

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