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Bill Jensen  
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**Re: ALPINO/Vail Resorts Partnership**

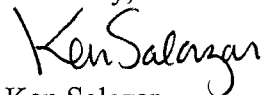
Dear Mr. Jensen:

A year ago, I wrote you to commend you and Vail Resorts for your involvement with the ALPINO organization as they make strides to increase minority and economically disadvantaged participation in snow sports. I write you this year to once again commend you and Vail Resorts for your involvement with ALPINO.

I feel strongly that all Coloradans have access to the natural beauty that surrounds them, whether they are from the city, suburbs or rural areas. Providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged Colorado children to experience their mountain surroundings ensures that all youth will have an appreciation for their state. I was pleased to learn that this year ALPINO's membership is expected to exceed 4,000, and that next year ALPINO is hoping to expand their Denver winter sports program to 3,600 youth participants. I was also pleased to learn that, in the last year, ALPINO has joined forces with Colorado Mountain College to improve the educational aspect of their program through recruitment, training, and the increase of minority snow sports leadership.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the ALPINO organization to make snow sports accessible to all of Colorado's youth. ALPINO and Vail Resort's efforts ensure that future generations of Coloradans will frequent our mountains and keep this vital industry a key player in our state's economy.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar  
United States Senator