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Dear Mr. Katz:

I am writing to express my support for Alpino, a non-profit organization created to increase diversity in snow and mountain sports experiences for underserved multicultural youth.

Alpino was founded by lifelong Latino skiers Roberto Lopez Moreno and Jorge Benjamin Haynes. Their passion to get multicultural youth on skis and snowboards attracted 4,123 Colorado kids last year to experience the mountains. Alpino also has worked with Denver Public Schools in completing the nation's first "urban" mountain recreation curriculum designed to meet the needs of America's growing multicultural youth population and their school districts. In addition, Alpino has partnered with Colorado Mountain College to create the nation's first Center for Snowsports and Mountain Recreation Diversity program.

I support this important effort by Alpino in creating snow and mountain sports experiences for underserved multicultural youth. I hope that you will give every consideration in supporting this effort.

Warm regards,

Mark Udall
Member of Congress

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