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**TO: Delegates and Members of the Press**

**FROM: Mayor John Hickenlooper**

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Homelessness Awareness Breakfast at the DNC**

*"Moving the homeless off of the streets and into housing not only improves their quality of life and the health of the community, it also saves money."*

-Mayor John Hickenlooper

I invite you to attend the **Homelessness Awareness Breakfast** during the **Democratic National Convention** in Denver, Colorado. The breakfast will be held from **9:00 am – 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 26, 2008** at Tamayo Restaurant at 1400 Larimer Street. I am honored to host this event, which is sponsored by America's Road Home in partnership with the Melville Charitable Trust and the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Please join us as we discuss **practical ways our nation can end homelessness**. A select group of **national experts and leaders** will facilitate small group discussions. They include:

Melinda Marble, Fireman Foundation  
Victoria Wager, National Network for Youth  
Cheryl Beversdorf, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans  
Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness  
Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition  
Robert Hohler, Melville Charitable Trust  
Paul Weech, Fannie Mae  
Deborah DeSantis, Corporation for Supportive Housing  
John Parvensky, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless  
Maria Foscarinis, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty  
Robert Hess, NYC Department of Homeless Services

At the breakfast, after some opening remarks, you will be invited to engage in discussions with these committed and knowledgeable leaders on a range of issues including: family homelessness; veterans; youth; ten year plans to end homelessness; the roles of foundations, local government and the private sector in ending homelessness; supportive housing; Housing First and legal strategies. The focus will be on proven, practical solutions that can reduce the number of homeless people in our nation.

The Breakfast will be a great opportunity for us all to learn from each other and devise ways to advance the agenda of ending homelessness! *Some surprise celebrity guests are also expected to attend!* For more information or to RSVP, please contact **Jamie Van Leeuwen** at 720.944.2506 or [jamie.vanleeuwen@denvergov.org](mailto:jamie.vanleeuwen@denvergov.org).

