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DENVER TO HOST THE HONORABLE TOM RIDGE TO ADDRESS TERRORISM IN OUR TIMES AT AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE CELL

DENVER – The Center for Empowered Living & Learning (The CELL) will host the First Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, joined by Governor Bill Ritter & Mayor John Hickenlooper in a discussion about global terrorism at 7:30 p.m., April 27, 2010 at The Denver Art Museum.

Secretary Ridge, responsible for standing up Department of Homeland Security and a former two-term Governor of Pennsylvania, will be the centerpiece of *The Future of Terrorism: Homegrown Threats & the U.S. Response*, a discussion moderated by The Honorable Craig Stapleton, Former U.S. Ambassador to France. The event will open with remarks from Governor Bill Ritter & Mayor John Hickenlooper. Also co-sponsoring the event is The Denver Post, The University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, Colorado Concern, Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership and The Colorado Thirty Group.

During this event, Secretary Ridge will address the evolution of domestic & international terrorism and how it impacts U.S. national security. He will discuss how the U.S. can best meet these challenges from a national policy perspective.

"Terrorism threats are a horrific reality in American culture and each one of us has a responsibility to become better informed about this deadly tactic," said Mayor Hickenlooper. "We are fortunate to have The CELL's powerful and informative programming series that gives our citizens the opportunity to understand terrorism prevention, preparedness & response. I'm looking forward to the event with Tom Ridge and his compelling presentation."

The event will be preceded by an exhibit tour of The CELL's *Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere: Understanding the Threat of Terrorism* located at 99 W. 12th Avenue (across from the Denver Art Museum).

The Future of Terrorism: Homegrown Threats & the U.S. Response is another example of the thought-provoking programming delivered by The CELL. Past events have featured high-profile speakers; such as, Hussain Haqqani, Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States; Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem; Zainab Al Zuwajj, Executive Director of the American Islamic Congress; Charles Stimson, Department of Defense Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs; U.S. Senators Chris Dodd (D-CT), Michael Bennet (D-CO), and Gary Hart (former D-CO).

About The Center for Empowered Living and Learning

(The CELL) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan institution, whose mission is to empower citizens to help combat the threat of terrorism. Through its renowned exhibit, *Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere: Understanding the Threat of Terrorism*, along with educational programming, a speakers series and community outreach,

The CELL seeks to promote personal and community activism in order to help shape a better, safer world. For more information, go to www.thecell.org.