

Governor Jared Polis, State of Colorado

Governor Jared Polis, born and raised in Colorado, is an entrepreneur, education leader, and public servant. After launching his first business from his college dorm room, Polis then founded several innovative online businesses, including one of the world's leading online flower retailers, ProFlowers. Polis then committed himself to making sure other Coloradans had the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Polis founded public schools for at risk youth and new immigrants, Patriot Bootcamp, — a nonprofit to help returning veterans start their own businesses, and co-founded the startup incubator — TechStars, which now operates in over 30 cities worldwide. Prior to serving as Governor, Polis served on the State Board of Education and represented Colorado's 2nd Congressional district where he was rated the most effective member of the Colorado delegation. As Governor, Polis enacted a tax cut for 144,000 small businesses in Colorado and has focused on saving Coloradans money and continuing our state's strong economic growth.