

May 24, 2014

William Dean Singleton Chairman, The Denver Post

Dear Dean:

Congratulations. The Jean Otto Friend of Freedom Award is a fitting tribute to your extraordinary commitment to transparency, open government and the principles and values that characterize Colorado and the west. I am sorry to miss the chance to congratulate you in person.

Your record of leadership and outstanding journalism, the five Pulitzer Prizes and countless stories vital to keeping our government open and responsive to the people of Colorado, would be enough. But that doesn't sufficiently tell your story. Your pioneering leadership and service to Colorado has a legacy that extends so far beyond your journalistic contributions. In short, you have been an instrument of liberty and opportunity for a generation. Congratulations again on your well-earned award.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet United States Senator