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Mounting pressure forces Polis to pull initiatives

Rep. Frank McNulty said, "After another bizarre day of Polis-authored drama, we now know we have a big win to celebrate. In a decisive fight for the future of energy policy in Colorado, Congressman Polis and the fractivists have lost. Colorado and U.S. energy independence are the big winners."

Pressure from all corners of the state and nation today forced Congressman Polis to withdraw his initiatives that would have, in effect, banned most energy development in Colorado. News that Polis had backed down was welcomed by proponents of responsible energy development.

"This is an exciting turn of events," said Rep. Frank McNulty. "For months we've asked Polis to pull his initiatives in favor of a more constructive approach. Proposed measure 121 framed the issue and allowed us to do that. It's now up to Polis to make good on his promise to end his economic brinkmanship, as he promised he would earlier today," McNulty continued.

Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg said, "Jared Polis' campaign to decimate oil and gas development was a heavy handed fool's errand from the start. When the Governor called Frank and me late last night, we were both sort of stunned that, after all these months of chest thumping, Polis would just fold up. His polling no doubt showed that his anti-fracking crusade was destined to fail."

Initiative 121 would have restricted state energy development dollars from going to towns and counties that banned energy development. As the proponents of 121, McNulty and Sonnenberg agreed to suspend their campaign and withdraw this initiative on news that Polis was no longer moving forward with his job-killing initiatives.

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