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STATEMENT BY COLORADO REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN DICK WADHAMS ON TOM TANCREDO'S MINOR PARTY CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR

I am terribly disappointed in Tom Tancredo's announcement that he has made a backroom deal with a minor political party to run for governor.

Tom Tancredo used the Colorado Republican Party to get elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in the 1970's, to work as a political appointee in the Reagan administration in the 1980's, and to get elected to Congress from 1998 to 2008. But now it appears he wants to destroy Republican chances to win a governor's race after four failed years of Bill Ritter.

This past December, Tom Tancredo wrote a compelling op-ed calling on Tea Party and 9-12 activists to not form a third party because previous conservative third parties "succeeded in electing the more liberal candidate after many conservatives waste their votes on a third party candidate." Tom Tancredo should remember his own words.

Let there be no mistake about it: Regardless of who our nominee is for governor after the primary, if Tom Tancredo carries through on his threat to run as a third party candidate, he will be responsible for the election of Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper as governor and for other races that will be imperiled as well.

The American Constitution Party's platform calls for the elimination of congressional salaries and pensions. I assume when Tom Tancredo becomes that minor party's nominee, he will forego his own congressional pension and will reimburse American taxpayers for the ten years of congressional salary he drew.

Click the link below to read the article written by Tancredo:
[An Open Letter to Colorado's 9-12 activists and Tea Party patriots](#)
Tom Tancredo, Denver Conservative Examiner
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