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As a state representative, I am very interested in working toward finding new energy solutions to help address global climate change and preserve our earth's resources. We are passing some legislation this year to encourage investment in renewable energy and to encourage individuals to be efficient in energy usage. Two of the bills are HB 1126 and 1149 – HB 1126 makes sales, storage and use of components for solar thermal systems exempt from the state sales and use tax. HB 1149 requires commercial homebuilders to offer solar powered systems to prospective buyers of new single-family homes and to provide a list of solar installers. I support these bills and believe they will pass. Given the fiscal restraints under which the Legislature is currently operating, it is difficult to propose any bills that will cost the state any money. Governor Ritter has devoted considerable resources to his Energy Office, which is working very hard to obtain federal money to support development of and education about renewable energy. I support his efforts and encourage you to contact his office if you have a business or a product that promotes energy efficiency. Thanks for the work you do and for keeping this issue in the forefront of our consideration. We will work together to preserve our beautiful earth and more particularly, our colorful Colorado!