

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Rep. Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement on the shooting that occurred in Aurora last night:

"Early this morning I learned of the unfolding tragedy that has occurred in my hometown of Aurora where 12 innocent lives were lost and dozens more were wounded in what appears to be a senseless act of mass violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims and their families. I've lived in Aurora almost all of my life and nothing like this has ever happened here. This was the type of violence that I would have expected when I served in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps but never here at home.

I will work with Congressman Ed Perlmutter, who currently represents the area in Aurora where the incident took place, and do all I can to support the City of Aurora in making sure that they have whatever federal law enforcement resources they need to complete their investigation."

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