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I am speaking to the Clean Water Restoration Act. These are great poll numbers coming out of the 3rd Congressional District. I am pleasantly surprised by the 2/3rds approval of this act. In Colorado, water is our most precious resource.

These numbers mean that there is a great awareness level of water issues by voters on the Western Slope. This poll also tells me that people are eager to see legislative action to protect and regulate our water sources. With our water being under attack by gas drilling, increased mining, coal power plants, and industrial waste, the Clean Water Restoration Act is a very crucial piece of legislation at this time.

I think that it is very important that we have statewide support for this legislation. I also feel that this legislation should motivate us to begin a more aggressive statewide campaign to save and protect our valuable water here in Colorado.