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**COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN TO AGAIN
DEFEND COLORADO TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS IN U.S. TENTH
CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

U.S. Supreme Court Remands Kerr v. Hickenlooper to Lower Court

DENVER—The U.S. Supreme Court today vacated the decision by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Kerr v. Hickenlooper*, a lawsuit challenging the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) under the U.S. Constitution's Guarantee Clause. The Attorney General defended the case in the trial court and on appeal to the Tenth Circuit.

Last fall, the Attorney General filed a petition for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court, asking it to review the Tenth Circuit's decision. In a decision favorable to the Attorney General's Office, the Supreme Court vacated an earlier decision allowing the case to proceed to trial, and sent the case back to the Tenth Circuit to reconsider in light of the Supreme Court's decision yesterday in *Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission*.

"We are grateful that the Supreme Court recognized the problems with the Tenth Circuit's ruling," said Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman. "As we've said all along, we believe this case to be without merit, and we look forward to once again defending TABOR. We will continue to defend our citizens' right to have a voice in state tax policy."

TABOR is a Colorado constitutional amendment that gives Coloradans the right to vote on state tax and spending increases.

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