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## Vote for Merchant

Near to my heart is the race for Colorado University Regent for Congressional District 7. In this contest, we have the opportunity to elect an amazing woman in Monisha Merchant. She brings to the board her business, engineering, government and international experience.

I first met her through my friend and her mother, Mona Merchant. Monisha has a passion for higher education and public service that comes through in every conversation I've had with her. I have lived vicariously through her work in Indonesia managing post-Tsunami reconstruction projects, bringing safe drinking water to the citizens there.

Merchant is that rare combination of intelligence, energy, imagination and compassion that will make her an invaluable asset to the state of Colorado.

Born and raised in Colorado, she attended Jefferson County Schools, graduated valedictorian from Bear Creek High School in 1995 and went on to earn degrees in electrical engineering and political science from MIT. She earned her MBA from Yale with a focus on public sector and non-profit management. Her career has encompassed a well rounded mix of private sector business experience, non-profit management and volunteerism. She understands first hand the power of education to change lives and improve communities.

We need new leaders who will bring a fresh perspective to the Board of Regents at CU. With her breadth and depth of experiences, I believe that Monisha will lead CU proudly into the 21st century. I urge you to vote for her as our CD7 CU Regent.

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