“Obama insisted that there were gifted Democratic politicians out there, but that many were new to the scene. He mentioned … Senator Michael Bennet, of Colorado.”

James Carville: “The best way to beat Donald Trump is to show you’re not him in any way, shape or form. Senator Bennet has less in common with Donald Trump than any human being in the United States when it comes to worldview, priorities, and demeanor. Senator Bennet is the opposite of Trump and is the best Democrat to take him on. And Senator Bennet would be the best President of the United States, which is why I endorsed his campaign.”

Former Senator Gary Hart: “Michael Bennet has the intelligence, experience, and judgment to put our nation back on track at home and abroad. He has more than his share of intellectual resources and a lifetime of public service. Michael Bennet is the soul of integrity and will restore dignity and respect so badly lacking in the White House today and restore our nation’s honor in the world.”

Former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter: “Michael has the ideas, character, and unrelenting focus on ending politics as usual that we need in our next president. I appointed Michael to the Senate because of his ability to bring people together to get things done—especially in trying times—and I know he will bring this same strength to the presidency. Michael knows how to build the broad coalition we will need to win purple states like ours and others in 2020. Michael’s record in the Senate shows us the kind of leader he will be in the White House: one with the intellect, humility, and ability to make progress on our most pressing challenges.”

Former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper: “I’ve known Michael Bennet for more than two decades, and I’m proud to support him. He is a master of synthesizing complex issues and coming up with creative solutions that transcend the partisanship of our day.”

Des Moines Register Editorial Board: “Iowa caucusgoers … would be well-served to give Bennet more attention. He offers a much-needed reality check on the promises candidates are offering and what it will take to accomplish meaningful change.”

New Hampshire Union Leader: “Another moderate contending for attention is U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado, who continues to impress here in New Hampshire….”

The Economist: “Mr Bennet’s ideas are a foil to [Elizabeth Warren's]. They are just as rigorous and technocratic, but more rooted in pragmatism.” He is “the candidate perhaps most intellectually capable of challenging the party’s leftward creep.”

Boston Globe’s Scot Lehigh: “It’s not enough simply to win the presidency, [Bennet] stresses. Democrats need to hold the House and retake the Senate. That means creating a broad coalition for change, one that extends beyond the deep blue states. That’s a tough truth from this smart, thoughtful political pragmatist — a candidate who has yet to get the attention he deserves.”