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1600 Downing Street, Suite 750
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Attn: Selection Committee

Subject: Early Childhood Workforce Innovation Grant

Dear Selection Committee:

Please accept this letter of enthusiastic support for the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council's proposal to implement the Rocky Mountain Workforce Catalyst Project. The Eagle Board of County Commissioners will act as a local champion for the Catalyst and will make a sustained effort to broaden the base of support and build public will to promote sustainability and innovative approaches as described in the Early Childhood Workforce Innovation grant proposal. The project's commitment to improve retention and compensation for early childhood professionals by addressing the Compensation, Targeted Recruitment, Working Environments and Education and Career Pathways levers of change is aligned with the work of the Eagle County Early Childhood Roadmap project.

The Workforce Catalyst will contribute to the overall issue of workforce development by providing data and innovative strategies that can be implemented across the state, with adjustments for local design. The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council has a history of interfacing with multiple agencies in an advocacy role to support early childhood professionals and is a trusted partner with a deep knowledge of system issues and the unique communities of culture and place within Eagle County and the surrounding areas. Based on our experience we are confident they can successfully facilitate this important work.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal. We look forward to our continued joint efforts to advance the quality of early care and education programs.

Sincerely,

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