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The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Gardner,

On February 12, 2018, President Trump unveiled his plan to address America's aging infrastructure. The Eagle County Board of Commissioners does not support this plan because it places undue burden on the State of Colorado and counties like Eagle to build and maintain roads, highways, and other public infrastructure assets.

Under Trump's proposed plan, state and local governments would be responsible for funding projects at a ratio far greater than current practice, up from twenty percent to eighty percent. This would mean that current local programs would have to be cut or taxes would have to be raised on residents in order to meet the new match requirements.

\$100 billion would go towards funding the Incentives Program, which could support a variety of infrastructure projects. The evaluation of projects is weighted by seventy percent based on the project's ability to secure non-federal dollars to build and maintain infrastructure. In a state like Colorado where there is no dedicated infrastructure or transportation tax, projects across the state and in Eagle County are at a severe disadvantage in gathering non-federal dollars in order to receive Incentives Program dollars.

\$50 billion would fund the Rural Infrastructure Program. States are allocated funding based on a formula yet to be released. Funding is only available for projects serving populations less than 50,000. More clarity is needed to understand how this program would actually work and whether Eagle County would be ineligible for these funds. Many projects in Eagle County serve not only our residents, but the many visitors to the area. Eagle County is diverse in regional attributes, ranging from ranch lands to mountain resorts to federal lands.

We are in favor of increased spending on infrastructure, and ask that your office work to protect local and state investments.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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