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To Whom It May Concern:

We are submitting this letter in support of Walking Mountains Science Center's grant application to the Can Do Colorado Community Challenge Telework Program. Eagle County Government is a partner of the Climate Action Collaborative (CAC) for the Eagle County Community and works with Walking Mountains Sustainability Programs to facilitate community-wide climate action initiatives. The CAC partnership in Eagle County has demonstrated that we can get more done as a community when we work together to accomplish our goals. The CAC facilitation of our collective climate effort has enabled every partner to engage in climate action, learn from each other, and collectively push ourselves to take bolder action. Without the collaboration from the CAC our community's climate goals would not be achievable in the timeframe we need to achieve them.

Transportation emissions in Eagle County are the largest and fastest growing sector of our emissions. Immediate action is needed to stop the growth of emissions in our transportation sector, with our biggest opportunity being commuting trips. COVID-19 demonstrated that we can effectively maintain many sectors of our economy through telework. The barriers to teleworking have been removed as our local businesses adapted to the new COVID-19 reality. It is of critical importance that the Climate Action Collaborative act now to ensure that employers formalize teleworking policies to both protect our community's most vulnerable populations and to ensure we are proactively integrating climate action into our economic recovery efforts. Providing our local businesses with a toolkit to create and adopt teleworking policies will enable a more resilient workforce, especially if future emergency situations arise. We are supportive of the Telework Toolkit effort and will formally adopt a telework policy for our employees.

Without this critical work, Eagle County will not be able to achieve our climate action plan goals. We look forward to the launch of the business toolkit and are excited to see the results as they lead to a reduction in transportation emissions in our community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Chair

Matt Scherr
Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner