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To the Colorado Division of Housing:

It is our pleasure to write this letter in support of Habitat for Humanity of Colorado's application for the Division of Housing's Housing Development and Preservation Gap Funding. As Eagle County Commissioners, we know first hand that for communities to thrive local housing needs must be met.

Housing affordability is one of the biggest issues facing all regions of Colorado. In rural resort communities like Eagle County, the "zoom boom" created by COVID-19 has further stressed our local housing market. Fifty-two percent of homes sold in Eagle County in 2020 sold to buyers from out of county zip codes. This phenomenon is taking what was affordable housing and pushing prices further out of reach for local buyers.

To help tackle the housing stock issue, Habitat for Humanity has a goal to build a minimum of 100 new for-sale units a year. We know Habitat for Humanity will be good stewards of the DOH funding and will work to ensure that communities across Colorado have affordable for-sale housing opportunities. In Eagle County, Habitat for Humanity Vail Valley is a valued partner in providing for-sale homes and creating community. We support their efforts, and we support this application from Habitat for Humanity of Colorado.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Commissioner