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The Honorable Joe Neguse  
United States House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Neguse:

We are writing to request your support of Eagle County's Community Project Funding request of \$1,000,000 for the extension of the Eagle Valley Trail from EagleVail to Dowd Junction. This project is located within Congressional District 2.

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners strongly supports completing the Eagle Valley Trail and this request for funding.

The Eagle Valley Trail is an incredible community asset, used by both local residents and visitors for an uninterrupted trail experience from the top of Vail Pass to the start of Glenwood Canyon. While many people use all or portions of the trail for recreation, it's also a valuable route for commuters and people choosing alternative transportation throughout the valley. The remaining portions of the trail will ultimately connect the paved trail system that runs from Breckenridge to Aspen. This paved trail spans four counties and, with these final segments in Eagle County completed, it will connect some of Colorado's most popular resort communities and be a destination amenity for our entire resort region.

Eagle County Government has pledged \$9 million of its reserve funds to complete three of the four remaining sections of the Eagle Valley Trail. The funds are meant to jumpstart a multi-year fundraising process led by the ECO Trails Committee, a partnership that includes county government as well as the towns of Gypsum, Eagle, Avon, Vail, Red Cliff and Minturn. The committee will need to raise an additional \$12 million through private donations and grant funding such as this opportunity.

The public impact of this project is considerable. We believe the project will promote sustainability, economic vitality, and an improved recreational experience for both residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr  
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney  
Commissioner

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Commissioner