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Department of Local Affairs  
1313 Sherman St., Room 521  
Denver, CO 80203

To Whom it May Concern,

We are enthusiastically writing this letter in support of the Town of Minturn's request for DOLA's Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance grant funding. Funding would allow for the construction of a sidewalk, curb & gutter, and filtered stormwater throughout the town on Highway 24 where no sidewalks currently exist.

For decades, town residents have wished for such an amenity since there are currently sidewalks on only the first nine blocks of town. A well-engineered sidewalk will provide safe passage for pedestrians of all ages, create vibrancy in the town core, offer an alternative to the car, and create a better sense of community. Of equal importance, a stormwater drainage system including filtration, prior to runoff going into the Eagle River, will improve water quality in an area that has already required EPA remediation due to the nearby Eagle Mine Superfund Site.

As the Board of County Commissioners, we have worked alongside the town on many projects geared towards enriching the lives of our residents and visitors. We have seen time and time again just how resourceful the town is with their annual budget. A project of this size, however, requires robust partnerships, including with DOLA in order to build.

The Board of County Commissioners applauds Minturn's efforts to address this dire need within our community and we fully support the implementation of stormwater filtration prior to reaching our precious water resources as well as the creation of sidewalks throughout the length of town. We ask that you consider this grant application and provide Minturn the necessary funding to create what is sure to be a much needed, well-traveled, and much appreciated amenity.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your continued commitment to the environmental enhancements and safety improvements to our multimodal transportation system on State Highway 24.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Jeanne McQueeney  
Chair

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Commissioner

Matt Scherr  
Commissioner