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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

RE: Eagle County Board of Commissioners support the Avon-Vail Commercial Composting Pilot Program

Dear Mr. Vilsack,

We support Avon and Vail's application to the USDA Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Program for the Avon-Vail Commercial Composting Pilot Program. With grant funds, the Towns of Avon and Vail will establish a long-term partnership among town staff, area restaurants, and local waste haulers to divert organic waste, generate high-quality compost for local use, reduce GHG emissions, and continue to promote an environmentally sustainable regional economy. Project activities include increasing local composting infrastructure, training and education for area restaurants, contracting for food waste pickup, and distributing composting supplies and promotional materials to jumpstart the initiative and build support among residents and visitors.

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners supports the Avon-Vail Commercial Composting Pilot Program because it will boost organic waste diversion, alleviate landfill overfilling concerns, reduce emissions from waste hauling and from methane, and increase local access to high-quality compost.

We support the Avon-Vail Commercial Composting Pilot Program moving forward. We look forward to including this pilot program in our county-wide climate action and sustainability efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of Avon-Vail's application

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

Matt Scherr

Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney

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