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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ballot Issue 7D

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners supports Ballot Issue 7D, a measure to remove a part of the TABOR restrictions imposed on the Metropolitan Recreation District (Met Rec District) of our valley. Currently, our Met Rec District is restricted to a total revenue which, since its first instatement of this total revenue in 1992, is no longer sufficient to provide our valley with up-to-date television, and it leaves little-to-no money to support other recreation in Gunnison County. The Met Rec District is our valley's provider of digital transmission television, and it has the potential to be a large funder in other recreation ventures.

The Met Rec District could and should be a large funding entity and provider of all forms of recreation in our valley, but it is currently hindered by a cap on yearly revenue. We want to "deBruce" our district, a term used to remove the restrictions imposed on the Met Rec District, in order to increase its revenue and establish long-term sustainability. By voting yes on 7D, we will be voting to unlock the full potential of the Met Rec District, while only increasing annual property tax by $2.60 for every $100,000 in property value. This ad valorem tax is the only funding source for this district, and we need your support to pass this measure and make this happen for the future of our county's recreation. This is a small, but significant, move worth every penny.

Yes on 7D is a vote to bring better cell coverage to our valley, along with bringing high-speed internet, using infrastructure that the Met Rec District already has in place. It's a vote to keep our over-the-air television and to improve the valley's recreational assets through trail maintenance, improved trailheads, hockey rink enhancements, and recreation centers. Our valley sees continued growth and a greater need for these resources, and our best bet for attaining this lies within the Met Rec District.

We hope you show your support of sustainability and broader recreation possibilities within Gunnison County and vote Yes on 7D. Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson | Jonathan Houck, Commissioner | John Messner, Commissioner

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