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March 21, 2023

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
United States House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Mesa County's Congressional Directed
Spending Request – Mack Sewer Improvements

The City of Fruita is pleased to support Mesa County's request, on behalf of the Mesa County Lower Valley Public Improvement District (hereinafter "PID") for a Congressional Directed Spending award for improvements to the Mack Sewer System. The City of Fruita and Mesa County have a long history of partnering together on projects to improve the quality of life and economic health of Fruita and residents of the lower valley. This project directly supports the lower valley, and we hope that it is considered for Congressional Directed Spending.

The Town of Mack is located west of Fruita. Mack receives sewer service through the PID. The current Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves Mack is operated by the PID and serves over 150 residents. In 2009, the PID received approval from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to pursue a new Wastewater Treatment Plan to replace the current lagoon system in place. The lagoon system needs to be decommissioned and should be replaced with a small batch reactor Wastewater Treatment Facility, as the lagoon systems causes issues with the Mack Wash, and there have been other issues with the lagoons.

Small organizations, like the City of Fruita and the PID, often have difficulty funding large-scale projects due to a lack of available grants and the rising costs of the projects. Further, these projects cannot just be funded through just increases in user fees, as that would significantly impact residents. We hope that you will consider funding this project through Congressional Directed Spending, as it will benefit the lower valley and all residents of Mesa County.

Thank you,

Joel Kincaid

Mayor, City of Fruita