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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 Congressional Directed Spending – 19 Road Improvements

Honorable Congresswoman Boebert,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for Congressional Directed Spending to fund road and intersection improvements at 19 Road. 19 Road is heavily utilized corridor on the east side of Fruita. Located a half mile from four schools (Fruita 8/9, Fruita Monument High School, Rim Rock Elementary, and Monument Ridge Elementary), 19 Road receives significant school traffic and commuter traffic (for those traveling east to Grand Junction) throughout the day. In addition to that, there are several developments under construction (or soon to be) along 19 Road, which will only add to existing traffic and cause safety concerns if not addressed. It is estimated that over 500 housing units will be added along 19 Road in the near future.

Because of this, Fruita has prioritized this project and has begun the process of making improvements to 19 Road. Beginning this year, Fruita has budgeted \$400,000 for Right-of-Way acquisition and design.

The final improvements to 19 Road will include adding intersection turn-lanes and a widened 3-lane section for the various driveway that already exist, so that left turning traffic will have refuse rather than stopping in a through lane. Currently, 19 Road is a standard 22-foot wide county road section with roadside ditches. As growth continues to occur in the area, these improvements need to be made.

The City of Fruita is pleased to support this project and request, and hope that it will be considered for Congressional Directed Spending. Please feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Joel Kincaid
Mayor, City of Fruita