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Board of County Commissioners

Cetna Energy, LLC
PO Box 360222
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Attn: Kevin Waddell

March 21, 2023

RE: CETNA Energy's Walsenburg USFS Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the US Forest Service's Woody Biomass Utilization Grant.

Huerfano County looks forward to welcoming Cetna Energy to Walsenburg and strongly supports the development of their new facility. We believe that Cetna's leadership in the Biofuel Industry makes Cetna a great addition to Colorado's and the Nation's Green Energy future. Their use of our state's beetle kill and burn scar wood, which will be removed from our National Forests and turned into clean burning Jet Fuel and Diesel Fuel, is extraordinarily important for forest health and providing a clean burning alternative to fossil fuels.

We are particularly excited that Cetna is starting their first forest restoration project in the Rio Grande National Forest and working with local San Luis Valley companies to take out old hazardous dead wood, bring it to Del Norte for chipping and made ready for use in the new Walsenburg Plant. This will bring much needed jobs to Huerfano County and our neighbors in the San Luis Valley.

We urge the grant reviewers to support Cetna's efforts to bring 80 to 100 high paying jobs to Huerfano County.

Sincerely,

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