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RREO Grant Committee

Dear RREO Program Committee:

The Town of Minturn is pleased to extend our support for the grant application submitted by the Town of Avon to enhance the Avon Recycling Center—a vital initiative that holds significant benefits not only for Avon but also for neighboring municipalities, including Minturn.

The proposed inclusion of a Styrofoam densifier is a commendable step forward. The absence of a local outlet for Styrofoam, coupled with the fact that none of the recycling haulers in Eagle County currently collect it, results in all local Styrofoam being directed to landfills. The Town of Avon's initiative to install a Styrofoam densifier creates an invaluable resource, serving as the first hub for Styrofoam recycling in Eagle County.

The strategic placement at the free community recycling center ensures accessibility for other nearby municipalities, enabling them to utilize and benefit from this crucial facility. At present, the lack of Styrofoam recycling has led to a near zero styrofoam diversion rate in Eagle County. The proposed solution not only addresses this issue but also aligns seamlessly with the adopted goals of the Climate Action Plan, a shared commitment embraced by the Town of Avon, the Town of Minturn, and Eagle County as a whole.

By supporting the upgrade of the Avon Recycling Center, we collectively contribute to the enhancement of the entire region's recycling infrastructure and take a significant stride towards achieving our environmental sustainability objectives. We believe that this initiative will positively impact our communities and foster a culture of responsible waste management.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of the Town of Avon's grant application. We are confident that the successful implementation of this project will yield lasting benefits for our communities and the broader Eagle County region.

Sincerely,

Earle Bidez,
Mayor