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Dear Planning Commission, City Council, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am reaching out today to show support for the Flour Mill Development.

Affordable workforce housing is essential to the long-term health of our community and local businesses.

It has been a major topic of discussion for many years and has been at the forefront of many political discussions.

As the volunteer Chair of the Chaffee Housing Authority since 2021, I know first hand how important it is to support developers who are committed to helping solve the housing crisis. The very cornerstone of the CHA development initiative is to partner with committed developers to this end by offering tax relief in exchange for deed restricted rental units.

The Flour Mill development is a great example of what we need in this community to help address our housing crisis.

We need more developments like this, and we look forward to continuing to partner with developers who are committed to affordability for our local workforce.

Having worked with Rob directly on affordable housing issues, I've been impressed with his commitment to the cause as well as his knowledge of the local workforce as a business owner.

I find him to be a person of high integrity and he has always employed a balanced and knowledgeable approach to the discussions we have had at the CHA.

I look forward to seeing his project proceed through the City of Salida entitlement process.

Sincerely,

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