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Senator Randy Baumgardner
Chair, Capital Development Committee
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator Baumgardner,

The Joint Budget Committee has taken initial action to approve capital construction projects as prioritized by the Capital Development Committee through priority #18, at approximately \$135 million. This amount reflects the total state funds requested in the Governor's revised request for FY 2018-19. The JBC appreciates the additional information provided by the Capital Development Committee in its February 15th letter to the JBC regarding particular prioritization decisions. However, the JBC would like additional explanation for a couple of items for which the JBC had discussion and further questions and concerns.

At this time, \$5.2 million of state funds for the Grand Junction Regional Center have been included in the approved priority list for FY 2018-19. However, the JBC would prefer to appropriate a project in the 2018 Long Bill, rather than provide a transfer for a project to be determined. There appears to be a consensus on the JBC that a project must be approved this session to enable continued progress toward moving residents off and closing the campus. There is concern among the JBC that the CDC has not approved a specific project in time to be included and considered in the JBC staff figure-setting presentation. The JBC would appreciate additional information regarding the CDC's progress toward approving a project for the Grand Junction Regional Center (GJRC) and the likelihood of including a project in the 2018 Long Bill.

The CDC prioritization list placed the \$2.5 million Fire Alarm System Replacement project for the Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility below its funding line. This project was included in the Governor's request as the #7 prioritized project, at about the \$60 million funding line, and involves a capital renewal project related to life safety. As suggested by staff, the JBC has a general interest in

prioritizing controlled maintenance and capital renewal project to the extent possible. The JBC would appreciate further explanation for the CDC's decision not to recommend funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millie Hamner".

Representative Millie Hamner, Chairman
Joint Budget Committee

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