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Capital Development Committee
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Members of the Capital Development Committee,

On November 20, 2020, the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) approved a proposal for the placement of a previously approved gift of a memorial on the Capitol grounds. The memorial commemorates the Sand Creek Massacre and received initial approval in 2016. However, a final location for the memorial was never approved and the project has been stalled. The advisory committee now recommends placing the memorial on the west plaza of the Capitol circle. Over the summer, protesters removed the existing Civil War monument from that location. This proposal is being forwarded to the Capital Development Committee for approval pursuant to Section 24-82-108 (3)(h)(I)(B), C.R.S.

The proposed memorial is modified from the original and now consists of a concrete base and a bronze sculpture of a Cheyenne or Arapaho woman, however the design is not yet finalized by representatives of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana, the Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, and the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe of Oklahoma. The tribes are working with Cheyenne and Arapaho artist Harvey Pratt, a descendent of Sand Creek Massacre survivor Edmund Guerrier, to update the memorial. The advisory committee will approve the final design before installation. The One Earth Future Foundation will provide funding for the artwork and installation.

Please find the approved application for a permanent gift of a memorial and supporting materials attached to this letter. As noted above, the location and some elements of the memorial have been modified since the application was submitted and initially approved in 2016.

In addition to approval from the Capital Development Committee, final acceptance of this gift requires approval from the Governor and a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly. Thank you for your support of the advisory committee's work.

Sincerely,

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Representative Susan Lontine, Chair
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Senator Dominick Moreno, Vice-chair
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