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Senate State Affairs Committee  
Colorado State Capitol  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: HB 19-1062

Dear Senators:

I write to encourage your favorable consideration of HB 19-1062 Concerning the Grand Junction Regional Center Campus. Mesa County Public Health, Grand Junction Housing Authority, Grand Junction Economic Partnership and several other community leaders have been considering ways in which to work together to bring greatly needed services and opportunities to the Grand Valley as a result of the pending closure of the Grand Junction Regional Center.

Once the current residents of the Regional Center are relocated to their new residences, the Regional Center Campus could be completely evaluated for any potential environmental, archaeological and geological impediments to redevelopment. The opportunity to master-plan this 47-acre site could provide considerable benefits to the people of the Grand Valley. Among the concepts being discussed are mixed-use opportunities which might include Early Childhood Education facilities, affordable housing developments, neighborhood commercial and light industrial uses.

At this point, Grand Junction Housing Authority is interested in exploring the opportunities and potential drawbacks of this site. Whether or not Grand Junction Housing Authority ultimately participates in the redevelopment of the Regional Center Campus, we support a thorough study of its potential and its transfer to community leadership with the vision and capacity to complete this important work.

Thank you for your consideration. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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CEO