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Colorado Springs EDC & Chamber
Attn: Andy Merritt, CIO
102 S Tejon Street, Suite 430
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: HB 17-1054

Dear Mr. Merritt,

As the City of Fountain is a community that resides between two military bases, Ft. Carson (army) and Ft. Peterson (air force), we recognize the direct value benefits that could be derived with the passage of HB 17-1054.

As the U.S. Congress demonstrated its awareness of, and support for, cooperative agreements between military installations and their host communities; it would behoove local communities of Colorado to amass cost savings of public steward funds through increased efficiencies and reduction of government overhead through the legalization of shared services channel portrayed within HB 17-1054.

Specific to the City of Fountain, it has been documented that Ft. Carson has identified a critical need of secondary rail-served access during homeland security deployments. Dually noted, has been the critical need of a catalyst project to spur high-wage job creation for not only Fountain but the broader Pikes Peak region. Through the passage of HB 17-1054, both these goals identified could be realized through a collaborative endeavor to support a new 1,600 acre industrial rail yard at the nexus of X128 of I-25 in Southern CO.

The City of Fountain avails our support to HB 17-1056 and the Military Affairs Council within the CS EDC. As needed, please reach out to us for any further supportive assistance with the passage of this vital economic development driver for the greater Pikes Peak region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott Trainor'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Trainor

cc: Kimberly Bailey, Economic Development Manager