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Members of the Senate Local Government & Housing Committee,

The City Council of Golden is expressing its support for SB23-001 Authority of Public-Private Collaboration Unit for Housing. The City of Golden believes that this bill would help provide the Public-Private Collaboration Unit with tools that will help alleviate the need for affordable housing in Colorado. The use of public-private partnerships is an efficient and effective way of promoting development of new housing and will strengthen the economy of the state by providing jobs and investment, as well as providing people with affordable places to live.

There is state-owned land in Golden and in the surrounding area that would be prime candidates for the development of affordable housing projects. We believe that this bill could assist with bringing this now vacant land into a more useful purpose in our community. Additional authority to the Public-Private Collaboration Unit would help the state and the City to better utilize this land to address the affordability issues in Golden.

This bill would advance the ability of the City of Golden to reach its goals, stated through Council's adopted Strategic Action Plan and Legislative Policy Statement. Golden has an express interest in maintaining a community that is vibrant, safe, affordable, and has a high quality of municipal services, and the Council believes that his bill would help the City to achieve its goals.

The Golden City Council strongly supports Senate Bill 23-001. We urge you to support this bill through the committee review process and the general floor votes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

JJ Trout

District 1 Councilor, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Don Cameron

Ward 3 Councilor