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17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

April 23, 2021

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

We are writing to express our support for the Adams County Government and Judicial District 17 Community Funding Project (CFP) Request titled "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County."

In 2020, there were approximately 2,756 domestic violence arrests in the 17th Judicial District. Currently, in the 17th Judicial District there is a lack of centralized services for domestic violence victims. To combat this, the funding will allow for creation of a multi-disciplinary Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) and an increase in funding for domestic violence community organizations. The DVHRT will include law enforcement, social service agencies and domestic violence community organizations. The multi-disciplinary team will meet regularly to monitor high-risk cases, share information, identify gaps, implement a coordinated intervention to mitigate danger and most importantly, increase access to services.

The DVHRT will provide the foundation for the long-term project of expanding the response to domestic violence by creating a Family Justice Center (FJC). An FJC will co-locate services including social services, community organizations and law enforcement partners. The FJC will allow community members experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault and/or human trafficking to receive one-stop access to services to include civil legal services, advocacy, mental health services, assistance applying for benefits, safety planning, and immigration legal services.

We believe that this proposal aligns with your demonstrated leadership and commitment to combatting domestic violence in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Interim Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator
17th Judicial Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

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The proposal Adams County Government and Judicial District 17 have put forward for FY2022 Community Project Funding would provide critical, life-saving services to victims of domestic violence in a consistent, comprehensive manner. The proposal, entitled "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County," would create and fund a multilingual Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) to regularly assess lethality factors in domestic violence victims and provide critical services and resources to them. This proposal would fund the programmatic and personnel needs necessary to operate the DVHRT and serve victims. This includes legal services in areas of family law, bankruptcy, immigration and criminal prosecution. It would also include assistance with housing, health insurance, counseling, therapy, victim advocacy and childcare.

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You have been leaders for victims of domestic violence and this proposal aligns with your goals and service to our communities. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

Family Tree has been providing vital life-changing services to the Denver metro community for nearly 45 years, helping people prevent and overcome the interconnected issues of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and homelessness.

Many of Family Tree's programs and services have been provided in partnership with Adams County and for the residents of this community, where leaders care about domestic violence survivors, but as community we have not always served them well. Adams County lacks important, necessary services for survivors of domestic violence. This lack of resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further, resulting in a perfect storm with significantly increased demand for services and ongoing challenges of safely meeting these needs.

Because of your generous invitation to submit proposals for the FY2022 appropriations process, the Adams County community now has a chance to give domestic violence survivors the resources they desperately need. On behalf of Family Tree, we respectfully urge you to adopt Adams County Government and Judicial District 17's Community Project Funding Request "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County" and to submit it to the House Appropriations Committee for their consideration.

This proposal would lay the groundwork for a Family Justice Center in Adams County by funding a Domestic Violence High-Risk Team – initiatives with which Family Tree has played a significant leadership role in planning, designing and implementing in other metro area communities -- which would provide life-saving help to domestic violence survivors in Adams County. This would provide domestic violence victims with a variety of critical resources, including legal services, human services, mental health counseling, and victim/survivor advocacy that save lives when escaping from someone who is choosing to use abusive behaviors. Since we do not currently have a domestic violence shelter in Adams County, this proposal would also fund hotel vouchers to provide temporary housing for survivors who cannot safely return to their homes.

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Respectfully,

Mike Coffman
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Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

In Broomfield County, the care for domestic violence victims is omnipresent, but we do not always have the resources and tools to effectively serve those in need. The lack of local resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. As our county rapidly becomes more population dense, the need for domestic violence services is great and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further.

The proposal Adams County Government, and our shared Judicial District 17, have put forward for FY2022 Community Project Funding would provide critical, life-saving services to victims of domestic violence in a consistent, comprehensive manner. The proposal, entitled "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County," would create and fund a multilingual Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) to regularly assess lethality factors in domestic violence victims and provide critical services and resources to them. This proposal would fund the programmatic and personnel needs necessary to operate the DVHRT and serve victims. This includes legal services in areas of family law, bankruptcy, immigration and criminal prosecution. It would also include assistance with housing, health insurance, counseling, therapy, victim advocacy and childcare.

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You have been leaders for victims of domestic violence and this proposal aligns with your goals and service to our communities. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Broomfield Mayor Patrick Quinn

Broomfield Mayor Pro Tem Guyleen Castriotta

Broomfield Councilmember Heidi Henkel, Ward 5

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

As law enforcement executives, one of the most intractable issues we have faced has been domestic violence. It happens in our most challenged neighborhoods and at the highest ends of the socio-economic spectrum. It might not respond to a crime strategy, an information campaign, or even a criminal charge. As problematic as it is for those of us working singularly within the criminal justice system, imagine how difficult it must be for repeat victims, their children, and the loved ones aware of their suffering but often powerless to help.

The proposal, "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County," would create and fund a multilingual Domestic Violence High Risk Team, which would assess lethality factors, and among other services, provide legal assistance, therapy, financial counseling, victim advocacy, and even childcare. The funding would enhance existing resources and allow for the development and implementation of new services in Adams County, including assistance with housing for victims whose existing homes are no longer safe. Imagine what we in Adams County and Judicial District 17, with its steadfast criminal justice professionals, victim advocates, elected officials, and service providers can accomplish if, instead of addressing domestic violence from our separate specialties, we

formed a dedicated multidisciplinary team to serve the whole person—the whole family when necessary—in their desire to achieve safety, justice, and healing.

We, the undersigned law enforcement executives of the 17th Judicial District, Adams County and Broomfield County, strongly support this effort and hope that you will assist in funding the Domestic Violence High Risk Team. We believe that it has the power to change lives, strengthen communities, and break generational cycles of violence.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Huseman
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In Adams County, we care about domestic violence victims, but we do not serve them well. Adams County lacks important, necessary services for victims of domestic violence. This lack of resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further.

Because of your generous invitation to submit proposals for the FY2022 appropriations process, we now have a chance to give domestic violence victims the resources they desperately need. On behalf of the Adams County legislative delegation, we respectfully urge you to adopt Adams County Government and Judicial District 17's Community Project Funding Request "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County" and to submit it to the House Appropriations Committee for their consideration.

This proposal would lay the groundwork for a Family Justice Center in Adams County by funding a Domestic Violence High-Risk Team, which would provide life-saving help to domestic violence victims. This would provide domestic violence victims with a variety of critical resources, including legal services, social services, mental health counseling, and victim advocacy, that can literally save their lives when escaping from an abuser. Since we do not have a domestic violence shelter in our community, this proposal would also fund hotel vouchers to provide temporary housing for victims who cannot safely return to their homes.

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

When I took office as the District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District, I immediately recognized an important need: improving services to domestic violence victims. The truth is, we simply do not serve domestic violence victims well in Adams and Broomfield Counties. These services are underfunded, disparate, and lack cohesion. And victims pay the price.

Along with my colleagues from the Adams County Board of County Commissioners, I am honored to submit a funding request to address this pressing problem. Our proposal, entitled "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County," would fund a Domestic Violence High Risk Team to provide critical, life-saving help to domestic violence victims in a consistent, comprehensive manner. If approved, this proposal would fund the necessary attorneys and staff to provide victims with a variety of critical resources, including legal services, social services, mental health counseling and victim advocacy. These services could literally save lives when a victim is escaping from an abuser. Since we do not have a domestic violence shelter in our community, this proposal would also fund hotel vouchers to provide temporary shelter for victims who cannot safely return to their homes. These are significant needs in our community and this proposal would go a long way towards meeting them.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, domestic violence cases have increased. The risk to victims has increased as well. It is time to address this pressing problem. I am truly grateful to all three of you for your openness to doing so.

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This proposal would dramatically and measurably improve how we serve domestic violence victims in the 17th Judicial District. It would provide consistent, life-saving services in a comprehensive manner. And it would give our community the resources we need to truly protect some of the most vulnerable among us.

Your collective leadership on these issues have always been stellar. We need that leadership now more than ever. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

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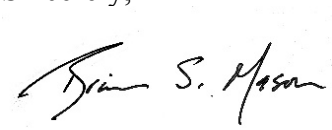

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Dear Congressman Perlmutter, Congressman Crow, and Congressman Neguse:

As President of Front Range Community College (FRCC), I urge you to support the proposal that Adams County Government and Judicial District 17 have put forward for FY2022 Community Project Funding. The program would provide critical, life-saving services to victims of domestic violence in a consistent, comprehensive manner.

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FRCC educates thousands of Adams County residents every year, and we regularly see the tremendous impact of domestic violence on our students. I know that Adams County is committed to assisting domestic violence victims, but does not always have the resources and tools to properly serve them. This lack of resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. As Adams is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, the need for domestic violence services is great and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further.

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CC: Mr. Ken Dees, Reaching Out Tenet Leader

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Sincerely,

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Gregory Mills
Mayor of Brighton CO

Project
Safeguard

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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

I am writing on behalf of Project Safeguard in support of Adams County Government and the 17th Judicial District's Community Project Funding Request: "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County." Project Safeguard has served Adams County for many years and we emphatically agree that there is a tremendous lack of resources and services for domestic violence victims in this part of the state.

Project Safeguard empowers and partners with people who have experienced gender-based violence, helping them to navigate a course of survivor-driven justice through expert, trauma-informed legal advocacy and representation. We look forward to partnering with other organizations to create a Domestic Violence High Risk Team as the first step to expanding services for victims of domestic violence in the 17th Judicial District.

We helped develop the Collaborative Domestic Violence Review Team with the Denver Police Department and are partners in the Rose Andom Center, Denver's family justice center, where we provide legal advocacy and representation to victims on gender-based violence from across the Denver metropolitan area. Similar services have long been lacking in Adams County and, while many programs have stepped up to try to meet this need, those efforts are not enough.

We are excited for the opportunity to lend out expertise to these projects and to ensure that victims of domestic violence in Adams County have access to these critical services. We hope that you will support this Community Project Funding Request.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eyl, LPC, JD
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Adams County lacks important, necessary, culturally responsive, and linguistically specific services for victims of domestic violence and their families. The significant dearth of services being offered to Adams County victims has led to severe and, at times, lethal consequences that has taken too many innocent lives from loved ones. Cases continue to increase, particularly in the 17th Judicial district, due in part to the volatile political climate in which immigrant victims of DV are caught in the crossfire or racial bias, hate and discrimination.

In response to your generous invitation to submit a proposal for the FY2022 appropriation process, we now may be able to give victims of domestic violence and their families the opportunity to access much needed culturally responsive services. On behalf of Servicios de La Raza and our myriad communities we serve, we respectfully urge you to adopt the Adams County Government and Judicial District 17th Community Project Funding Request "Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County" and to submit it to the House Appropriations Committee for their consideration.

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This proposal would help fill a stark gap in services; and lay the ground for the Family Justice Center in Adams County by funding a Domestic Violence High- Risk Team, which would provide culturally and linguistically life-saving services to victims of domestic violence and their families. Services provided include, but not limited to, safety planning, legal services, linkage to community resources, social services, mental health services, advocacy, skill building and temporary housing. These services, when available to victims and their families, can considerably help break the cycle of violence and start a consistent path to healing.

Respectively, as respected political leaders of our communities, you have been the vanguard of men who put our communities needs before your own. This proposal aligns with our mutual values, goals, and objectives in service to our communities. Thank you for your consideration.

En comunidad,

Rudolph Gonzales
Executive Director
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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is a statewide interfaith organization that works for racial equity, economic justice, and reproductive health, rights, and justice. We support the proposal offered by Adams County because we know that intersecting injustices magnify trauma and create more violence. Since Adams County is currently unable to properly serve survivors of domestic violence, these same survivors find multiple barriers to healing, agency, and wholeness. This lack of resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. As one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, the need for domestic violence services is great and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further.

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We hope you will support this proposal. You have been leaders for victims of domestic violence and this proposal aligns with your goals and service to our communities. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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