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Dear Congressman Crow,

On behalf of the City of Aurora, I am writing in support of Buckley Space Force Base (SFB) funding request for the Power Independence Project.

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With the installation already at 85% of its power capacity, Buckley SFB desperately needs this project to continue its strategically important Missile Warning/Missile Tracking mission across the globe, while enabling increased energy capacity and resilience to enable the fielding of much needed new capabilities to meet the increasing GPC threats to our national security.

Vital infrastructure, such as roads, electricity, and water, are shared between the City and Buckley, with many active-duty and civilian personnel who live in the community and work on-base. While this project is directly beneficial to the Base, the project will have positive community impacts on the City as well. There needs to be updated energy support structures in place on Base for communications between the City and the Base in the event of an emergency. Increasing Base power independence will allow Colorado National Guard Units stationed on the base to rapidly provide support to the City during these types of events. The City and Buckley SFB have strong intergovernmental supports in place pertaining to safety and community impact.

We urge you to support Buckley SFB's request regarding this important project.

Sincerely,

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