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The Honorable Jeff Hurd
3rd District of Colorado
743 Horizon Court, Suite 112
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Re: *FY27 Community Project Funding (CPF) Request for Western Slope Veterans Coalition – “The Veterans Community Cottages”*

Dear Congressman Hurd:

On behalf of the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners, we are pleased to offer our strong support for the Western Slope Veterans Coalition (WSVC) and its FY27 Community Project Funding request for the **Veterans Community Cottages** tiny home project.

The Board has been a longtime supporter of WSVC and its mission to prevent veteran suicide by fostering a supportive community where veterans feel valued, connected, and cared for. Since its founding in 2015, in response to the tragic loss of two local Marine Corps combat veterans, Jesse Beckius and Casey Owens, WSVC has demonstrated a deep and ongoing commitment to serving those who have served our nation.

Garfield County’s support for WSVC has extended beyond advocacy. The County has proudly provided rent-free office space in Glenwood Springs to help ensure the Coalition can effectively carry out its mission. In addition, the County has made a sustained investment in local veterans by hiring a dedicated Veterans Service Officer to assist veterans in accessing the benefits they have earned through their service. These efforts reflect our broader commitment to ensuring veterans in our community have access to the resources, support, and recognition they deserve.

WSVC’s partnership with the Flattops Cowboy Church to secure a two-acre parcel in Silt, Colorado, represents a significant step forward in addressing the housing and support needs of veterans in our region. This development will include thoughtfully designed tiny homes, family units, housing for an on-site manager, and a community center that will serve as a hub for education, programming, and connection. This project reflects a comprehensive and community-driven approach to supportive housing.

Based on our familiarity with WSVC’s work and its strong collaboration with local stakeholders, we are confident in the organization’s ability to successfully implement this project. It has

already garnered meaningful support from regional partners, local government, and private donors, demonstrating both its viability and the community's commitment to its success. We believe the Veterans Community Cottages project will provide a critical pathway toward stability, healing, and long-term well-being for veterans in Garfield County and across the Western Slope. The Board of County Commissioners is proud to stand behind this effort and the positive impact it will bring to our community.

We respectfully urge you to give full consideration to this request and support funding for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Tom Jankovsky, Chairman

Mike Samson, Commissioner

Perry Will, Commissioner