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June 21, 2022

Dear Matt:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Routt County Board of County Commissioners to show our enthusiastic support of Court Sports for Life Foundation's (CS4L) \$400,000 grant request to the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. Their project "Serving Community with Outdoor Court Sports in Routt County, CO" will ensure the best use of existing space to better meet our community's growing passion for outdoor tennis and pickleball.

CS4L, the nonprofit that operates the Steamboat Tennis and Pickleball Center, has seen exponential growth in these racquet sports since COVID-19. Outdoor play has been the perfect outlet during the pandemic with built-in social distancing measures, and the number of people who want to play these sports continues to increase. People from all backgrounds and all ages are playing, as these sports are affordable, fun and healthy. CS4L simply can't keep up with demand with its current limited facilities.

As part of this capital project, upgrades to the outdoor complex will result in six rebuilt tennis courts, 20 pickleball courts, improved parking and landscaping and two renovated pavilions for people to enjoy the outdoors, socialize and watch tennis and pickleball events. Important to note is that the project already has been designated as an OEDIT Enterprise Zone project, indicating its value in growing Routt County's economy by boosting tourism and by creating jobs.

This project is important to Routt County's active, rural community in so many ways. Better outdoor amenities serve community residents and tourists alike by accommodating everyone that wants to play these sports. Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project for an OREC grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Melton".

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair  
Routt County Board of County Commissioners