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To Whom It May Concern:

In Colorado, our economic development efforts have focused on building a diverse economy that includes the utilization of the arts and creative industries as an economic tool for job creation. The Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center project is an opportunity to harness the true potential of the creative industries and bring positive economic, educational, and cultural advances to benefit the community of Crested Butte, as well as the State of Colorado.

The partnerships forged in Crested Butte for this project exemplify how communities throughout our state are making significant investments in the creative sector so that creative entrepreneurs and enterprises can benefit regional and State economies. The Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center project will not only provide a boost to the Crested Butte and Gunnison Valley economy through increased convention business and tourism, but it will also serve as an educational resource for the region, including Western State University and other institutions in the area.

I am confident that Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center will serve as a driver of economic growth through the performing arts and will create a heritage of performing arts culture in this vibrant Colorado community.

I urge you give full consideration of this worthwhile economic development project that holds great potential for the Crested Butte community and the State of Colorado today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor