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Craig, Colorado 81625

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To whom it may concern:

The City of Craig is known for its natural beauty and unbounding opportunities. With access to Colorado's best rafting, hunting, and recreation, including over 2 million acres of public lands in Moffat County, we are the gateway to an outdoor paradise in Northwest Colorado. Craig is also known for our strong quality of life. From our relatively low cost of living to our high-quality healthcare services, life in Craig has great value for residents and visitors alike.

We adamantly support Memorial Regional Health's (MRH) efforts to study and eventually install geothermal energy at their hospital campus in Craig. MRH provides premium care at their critical access hospital, multi-specialty medical clinic, and other clinics throughout our region. They strive to house their many services in state-of-the-art facilities, having built the hospital in 2007 and the medical office building in 2019. They are additionally planning to construct a new emergency medical services (EMS) station on the hospital campus that will serve as a regional training hub. However, while they contribute to our area's vitality with their robust services, we know they have had facility heating and cooling problems out of their control.

As MRH pursues grant funding and tax credits to study and install geothermal energy at their hospital campus, the City of Craig is eager to help. Our public officials and staff will provide any input we can as MRH consults with renewable energy experts and makes important decisions. We know MRH is communicating with officials from Gunnison County, which has had great success with geothermal installations and facility retrofits in their similar long and cold winter climate. We also know MRH will have ready support from Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), which successfully installed geothermal at their Craig campus next door.

Overall, we are confident that this project will positively contribute to all the qualities that make Craig special. We will be an active participant in MRH's community engagement plan, helping them better understand this renewable energy resource as they continue to provide crucial services that contribute to the strength and resilience of our community.

Sincerely,

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