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John Bauer
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Federal Aviation Administration
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Dear Mr. Bauer,

This letter is provided to confirm our community's enthusiastic support for the application submitted by the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (YVRA) to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Terminals Program (ATP). If awarded, YVRA will use the grant to help fund the design and construction of their planned Airport Terminal Expansion Project.

YVRA is a thriving and growing commercial and general aviation airport with air service provided by six major U.S. airlines. YVRA's air service is a critical component of the Yampa Valley's economy and the airport's continued growth will help our community offset the economic impacts of impending closures of local coal mines and coal-fired power plants. YVRA passenger counts increased from 180,000 in 2020 to 397,000 in 2022 and are projected to increase to 480,000 in 2024. During the 2022/2023 winter flight season the airport employed 469 people of which 175 were Craig and Moffat County residents. These significant and rapid passenger increases makes completion of this terminal expansion project time critical. An expanded terminal will support and attract additional commercial air service which in turn supports our vital tourist economy, creates additional aviation related jobs, and supports and attracts non-tourist businesses. This grant would allow YVRA to complete project design and some needed demolition in 2024 and set the stage for construction in 2025.

We encourage your full and fair consideration of the application submitted by Yampa Valley Regional Airport.

Sincerely,

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