



Senator Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Bennet

On behalf of the City of Craig I am writing in support of Moffat County's request for Congressionally Directed Spending to construct a new multi-use events center in Craig, Colorado. As a coal impacted community heavily reliant on coal mines and a power plant, the Community faces an urgent need to transition away from its coal-based energy economy. To address this challenge, Moffat County has identified the development of a multi-use events center at the County Fairgrounds as a transformative opportunity.

This ambitious project aims to diversify the local economy, enhance economic development, and create a regional hub for events and conferences throughout the year that will attract visitors from near and far, boosting tourism and generating much-needed revenue for the Community. The economic boost will not only benefit the events themselves but also ripple through local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and service providers, fostering a resilient and diverse economy.

The proposed multi-use events center at the Moffat County Fairgrounds holds immense potential to transform the region and support the Community's transition away from a coal-based energy economy. We endorse Moffat County's efforts to secure funding for this vital project and believe it aligns with our shared goals of economic development, community resilience, and prosperity for all residents.

Thank you for considering our support for this important initiative. We look forward to witnessing the positive impacts that the new multi-use events center will bring to Moffat County and the City of Craig

Respectfully,

Chris Nichols
Mayor, Craig Colorado