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Dear Senator Bennet and Congressman Neguse,

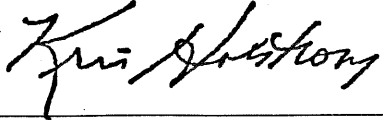
San Miguel County has been engaged in the creation of the public lands protections proposed in the San Juan Mountains Wilderness bill for the last decade. The previous and current Board of Commissioners has repeatedly expressed support for the thorough and inclusive process and the resulting designations. At this time, we are excited to express our support for the Colorado Outdoor Recreation & Economy Act (CORE). We praise the efforts of many stakeholders throughout the State to create one bill to preserve existing access, historic landmarks, a broad range of environmental and economic benefits and some of Colorado's most iconic vistas. The CORE Act exemplifies real leadership and attention to local collaboration at its best.

San Miguel County has been honored to join our colleagues in San Juan and Ouray Counties in unified support of the San Juan Mountains Wilderness proposals and we embrace the opportunity to join with additional Colorado counties, the Governor's Office and the Outdoor Industry Alliance in support of the CORE Act.

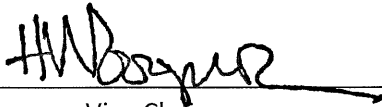
Thank you both for your strong commitment to the public lands we value for clean air and water and the recreation economy on which we depend. Your leadership on the CORE Act represents at least 75% of Colorado residents who identify as conservationists according to the latest Colorado College State of the Rockies poll.

We will continue to reach out to Senator Gardner and Congressmen Tipton to gain their support for this important Act. Let us know what else we can do to help you move the CORE Act through Congress this session.

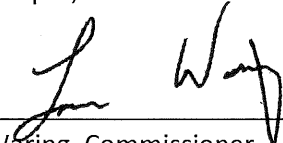
Sincerely,
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