



# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Re: Letter of Support for Douglas County Youth Sports Park Legislative Grant Request

To Whom It Concerns,

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners would like to convey our support for the \$15 Million State Legislative Grant Request to help fund the Douglas County Youth Sports Park. This project is a critical investment in both development and public safety, two of our county’s highest priorities.

The economic impact of this project cannot be overstated, as an independent study recently projected that the Youth Sports Park will generate \$7 million annually in local economic activity. This is a game-changer for our rural county, which has suffered from declining timber harvest revenues for decades. The influx of visitors, tournaments, and sports tourism will revitalize local businesses, support hospitality and service industries, and create new job opportunities-strengthening our workforce and positioning Douglas County for sustained economic growth.

Equally important, this project enhances public safety and emergency preparedness. The 60,000 square-foot indoor facility will serve as Douglas County’s only large-scale disaster relief center, providing a critical hub for emergency response in times of crisis. Our community currently lacks a facility of this scale, making this investment essential for regional resilience and disaster preparedness.

In addition to these essential benefits, the youth Sports Park will provide a much-needed venue for youth and adult sports, keeping families engaged in healthy, positive activities close to home. By reducing the need for long-distance travel to access quality athletic opportunities, the park will make participation more equitable and accessible for all.

We urge your support for this vital funding request. The Douglas County Youth Sports Park is not just an investment in recreation – it is an investment in our economy, safety, and future.

Thank you for your consideration, and we appreciate your commitment to strengthening rural communities like ours.

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Tim Freeman, Chair

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