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To Whom It May Concern,

At the YMCA of Douglas County, our mission is simple but powerful: to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities for the present and future. Every day, we work to provide opportunities for youth and families to be active, engaged, and connected. However, our ability to serve the community is limited by a lack of available court space, particularly for our youth basketball programs. The Douglas County Youth Sports Park will allow us to expand our programs, serve more children and families, and further strengthen the foundation of our community.

Right now, we face significant constraints in providing recreational opportunities due to insufficient gym space. Demand for youth sports is growing, but without the facilities to support it, many kids miss out on the benefits of structured, positive activities. The 60,000-square-foot indoor facility at the Youth Sports Park will change that, offering additional courts that will allow us to expand youth basketball and other sports programs to serve even more children.

Beyond benefiting the YMCA directly, this project will have a lasting impact on the entire Douglas County community. Studies have shown that kids who participate in organized sports are more likely to do well in school, make positive choices, and develop the confidence and skills they need to succeed in life. But too often, access to these opportunities depends on a family's financial situation or the availability of facilities. The Youth Sports Park will level the playing field, ensuring that all kids—regardless of income—have access to high-quality sports and recreation.

A thriving economy and a strong, engaged population go hand in hand. When kids have opportunities to be active, learn teamwork, and develop lifelong skills, they grow into healthier, more confident adults who contribute positively to their communities. The Youth Sports Park will provide these opportunities at a scale we have never seen before, strengthening not only the next generation but the families and community that support them.

This project is an investment in youth development, healthy families, and a stronger Douglas County. The YMCA is proud to support the Douglas County Youth Sports Park, and I strongly encourage full support for this funding request. The benefits for our children, our families, and our community will be felt for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Steven Stanfield
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