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The Climate Action Collaborative for Eagle County Communities (CAC) would like to offer our support for completing the construction of the Eagle Valley Trail through Minturn. We are eager to see the completion of this decades-long project that will create over 140 miles of safe off-highway trail connecting Minturn to Breckenridge, Aspen, and the rest of Eagle County.

Completing the Eagle Valley Trail is a crucial step towards meeting Eagle County's Climate Action Plan goal of 50% greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2030 and 80% by 2050. In 2021, 42% of greenhouse gas emissions in Eagle County came from vehicles driving on our roads. Climate modeling for our Climate Action Plan has affirmed that if Eagle County commuters left their vehicles behind 2 times per week, local greenhouse gas emissions would reduce significantly.

When the Eagle Valley Trail is complete, commuters will be able to leave their vehicle at home and safely commute via alternative transportation to and from work, school, or social events. Finishing the Trail will ensure that there is always an off-highway route accessible to community members and guests regardless of their age, abilities, or socioeconomic status.

The CAC is eager to see the Eagle Valley Trail completed. We know that a finished Trail is the first step towards considerably reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. Completing the Trail will provide tremendous benefit to community members, towns, businesses, and the environment in Minturn and the rest of Eagle County.

We enthusiastically support the effort to complete the Eagle Valley Trail and encourage others to join us in support.

Sincerely,

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