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Snyderville Basin Planning Commission Sheldon D. Richins County Services Building 1885 W. Ute Boulevard Park City, UT 84098

Dear Commission members,

As you know, Utah suffers from one of the greatest housing shortages and affordability challenges in the Western United States. We currently face a shortage of nearly 53,000 housing units. This gap between our available housing and the identified need continues to increase prices and make housing less attainable for many. To illustrate the issue: the median sales price of a single-family home in Utah has seen a 56% increase in the last 5 years. The business community is increasingly concerned that their employees cannot find housing, and especially that they cannot find housing near the places they work.

Given this crisis of housing availability and exponentially increasing prices, the Salt Lake Chamber Housing Gap Coalition is supportive of well designed and well planned projects that help address these issues. We support projects that work closely with local residents to help them meet their goals and create the type of community that will improve their community and allow their residents to flourish.

We ask that you consider Highland Flats as a project that will not only benefit your community, but will benefit the state as a whole.

Sincerely,

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