

**Attachment 5**  
**Draft Letter of Support to Economic Development Commission**

April 16, 2024

Colorado Economic Development Commission  
Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade  
1600 Broadway, Suite 2500  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: 2024 South Metro Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment

Dear Economic Development Commission Members:

Arapahoe County has been working with the Enterprise Zone Administrator for the South Metro Enterprise Zone to add portions of eastern Arapahoe County to the Enterprise Zone boundaries. Please consider this my endorsement of a request by the South Metro Enterprise Zone Administrator to add Census Block Groups 1, 2, and 3 in Census Tract 71.01 in Arapahoe County to the Enterprise Zone boundaries. These Census Block Groups, in eastern unincorporated Arapahoe County, are located along I-70 and include the Town of Deer Trail and the unincorporated communities of Byers and Strasburg.

As a County Commissioner, I am aware of the economic development needs in these rural communities. Each has a historic downtown that could benefit from the tax credit programs to make improvements and expand existing businesses.

The addition of these areas to the Enterprise Zone is consistent with the Arapahoe County Comprehensive Plan as well as the economic development goals of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership and I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce.

Your consideration is deeply appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have concerning this request.

I look forward to your approval of this addition to the South Metro Enterprise Zone boundaries.

Sincerely,

[to be completed]

Arapahoe County Commissioner