March 5, 2020

The Honorable Cory Gardner

United States Senator 354 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gardner:

Our iconic public lands are vital to our state's economy and to who we are as Coloradans. The Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act would protect roughly 400,000 acres within four treasured places: the San Juan Mountains, the Thompson Divide, the Continental Divide and Camp Hale, and the Curecanti National Recreation Area. For decades, local communities have been calling for the protection of these historic sites, recreation areas, unspoiled wilderness lands, waterways, and wildlife habitats through individual pieces of legislation that have now been united and refined in a single bill.

Colorado's craft brewing industry contributes nearly \$3.3 billion in economic impact to the state, and Colorado's wine industry contributes over \$300 million to the state's economy. Colorado's growing craft distilling industry ranks fifth in the United States. Part of the reason Colorado is one of the leading craft beverage states in the nation is because we have access to outstanding water resources and limitless inspiration from our spectacular mountains, valleys, forests, and rivers. Our state's breweries, cideries, distilleries, and wineries rely on clean water and a healthy environment to keep us in business.

The lands within the CORE Act are home to alpine lakes, key watersheds, and incredible rivers and streams that local communities and cities depend on for clean drinking water - and that many of our businesses rely on for our beverage production. The breathtaking public lands in the CORE Act provide access to world-class outdoor recreation, like mountain biking along the Continental Divide Trail through the Tenmile Range, hiking the famed fourteener Mount Sneffels, fishing in Curecanti, and hunting within the Thompson Divide in some of the most sought after big game habitat in the state. Living near, adventuring, and enjoying public lands is crucial to our employees' quality of life and is a significant factor in attracting new employees. Further, these vistas and the memorable experiences that tourists have in them when they visit Colorado serve to endear our brands in our customers' hearts and ensure they think of us when they are purchasing their next drink back in their home state. Permanently safeguarding these public lands and waters would benefit our economy, health, and local communities.

Protecting our public lands like those in the CORE Act also means our customers will continue to have access to incredible places to experience the outdoors. Protecting public lands is good for business because Colorado residents and visitors alike know how great it is to enjoy a delicious beverage after a hike, bike ride, paddle, ski, or climb.

We are privileged to live and work in Colorado and are proud to support this historic opportunity to safeguard our iconic outdoors, our quality of life, and our economy for present and future generations. We thank you for your ongoing advocacy for public lands in Colorado, and urge

you to cosponsor the CORE Act and do everything you can to pass this broadly-supported legislation this Congress. The CORE Act is good for Colorado.

Sincerely,

New Belgium Brewing

Steve Fechheimer, Chief Executive Officer Fort Collins, CO

10th Mountain Whiskey and Spirit Company

Ryan Thompson, Owner Gypsum, CO

Alfred Eames Cellars

Alfred Petersen, Owner Paonia, CO

Asher Brewing Company

Abigail Intolubbe-Chmil, Director of Operations Boulder, CO

Augustina's Winery

Marianne Walter, Owner Nederland, CO

Bonfire Brewing

Andy Jessen, Owner Eagle, CO

Chrysalis Barrel Aged Beer

Adam Gall, Owner Paonia, CO

Colorado Boy Depot

Daniel Richards, Owner Ridgway, CO

Colorado Boy Pizzeria and Brewery

Sandy Hennessy, Owner Montrose, CO

Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery

Daniel Richards, Owner Ridgway, CO

Copper Club Brewing Company

Michele Collins, Owner Fruita, CO

Crooked Stave Artisan Beer Project

Yetta Vorobik, President Denver, CO

Diebolt Brewing Company

Jack Diebolt, Owner and Head Brewer Denver, CO

Elevation 5003 Distillery

Loren Matthews, Owner Fort Collins, CO

Good River Beer

Preston Hartman, Co-Founder Denver, CO

High Alpine Brewing Company

Scott Cline, Owner Gunnison, CO

Horse & Dragon Brewing Company

Carol Cochran, Co-Owner Fort Collins, CO

Jagged Mountain Craft Brewery

Randy Stinson, COO Denver, CO

Kannah Creek Brewing Co.

Jim Jeffryes, Owner Grand Junction, CO

Laws Whiskey House

Peyton Mason, CFO Denver, CO

Marble Distilling Co.

Connie Baker, Head Distiller Carbondale, CO

Mirror Image Brewing Company

Daniel Richards, Vice President / Owner Frederick, CO

Molly's Spirits

Grant Kleinwachter, COO Lakeside, CO

Moonlight Pizza & Brewpub

Heather Adams, Owner Salida, CO

Mountain Toad Brewing

Thad Briggs, Co-Founder Golden, CO

Odell Brewing

Corey Odell, Sustainability, Learning & Development Coordinator Fort Collins, CO

Raices Brewing Company

Jose Beteta, CEO Denver, CO

Roaring Fork Beer Company

Alyson Sanguily, Owner Carbondale, CO

Sanitas Brewing Company

Michael Memsic, Co-Founder and CEO Boulder, CO

Ska Brewing Co.

David Thibodeau, President/Co-Founder Durango, CO

Stem Ciders LLC

Eric Foster, CEO Denver and Lafayette, CO

St. Vrain Cidery

Dean Landi, Co-Founder and President Longmont, CO

Telluride Brewing Company

Thomas Thacher, President/Proprieter Telluride, CO

TRVE Brewing Co.

Patrick Shanley, Front of House Manager Denver, CO

Upslope Brewing Company

Matthew Cutter, Founder Boulder, CO

Zuni Street Brewing Co.

Willy Truettner, Owner Denver, CO