

March 24, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
U.S. House of Representatives
4th Congressional District of Colorado
1713 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Boebert:

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff. It was invaluable to discuss the pressing issues facing our county and the broader challenges affecting Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Your willingness to engage and take action on these matters is deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for your continued leadership.

We are particularly focused on improving the capacity and safety of critical infrastructure, with immediate priorities including the widening of Highway 85 and addressing bottlenecks at the Happy Canyon and Lincoln Avenue interchanges along I-25. These efforts are crucial for ensuring that Douglas County remains a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family. We are committed to working with you to meet these needs, both now and in the future.

Additionally, we are seeking funding for the development of a regional Joint Public Safety Training Facility (EVOC/Heli-base), which would be instrumental in supporting our first responders. Our Helitack team, which has been crucial in responding to wildfires—including 33 we fought last year—relies on specialized training to ensure effective and safe operations. A regional facility would provide a vital space for both law enforcement and wildfire suppression training, enhancing our ability to respond swiftly and effectively in times of need. We greatly appreciate your interest in this potential project and look forward to working with you to strengthen public safety and improve our wildfire response capabilities.

We are also seeking support for the Heroes Hall project, a very worthy initiative that will serve as a dedicated meeting place for our nation's heroes and veterans. This facility will provide veterans with a place to gather, share experiences, and access essential services, while honoring their service and sacrifices. Funding for Heroes Hall would ensure that we provide a meaningful space for our veterans to connect, receive support, and continue to contribute to the community they so bravely served. We hope you will consider supporting this important project.

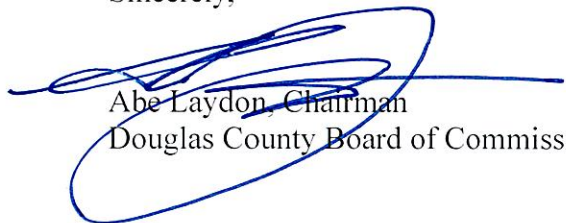
In addition to these initiatives, we will be requesting funding for critical water projects, including the Louviers Water Project, which will address an urgent public health crisis and help provide clean, safe drinking water to the community. This project is essential for ensuring the well-being of the residents in Louviers, who currently face significant challenges with water quality. We are also seeking funding for the Dominion Water Project, which will help improve water infrastructure and ensure reliable access to clean water for a growing population. Both projects are vital to maintaining public health and supporting sustainable development in our region.

Our conversation included discussions on your Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act and the Private Sector Competition in Microtransit Act, both of which we fully support and urge their reintroduction. The former is a critical step toward combating human trafficking, while the latter will foster competition, reduce costs, and save taxpayer dollars. We commend your dedication to advancing these important issues and hope they receive the attention they deserve.

We are also deeply appreciative of your unwavering commitment to securing our borders and enforcing our nation's deportation laws. The work your office has done to strengthen border security and ensure that criminal illegal aliens are removed from our communities is essential to public safety. This work is urgent, and your leadership in this area has been pivotal.

Once again, thank you for your time, insight, and unwavering leadership on these critical issues. We look forward to continuing our partnership to promote safety, security, and prosperity for Douglas County and the Fourth Congressional District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abe Laydon', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Abe Laydon, Chairman
Douglas County Board of Commissioners