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Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

The undersigned local governments and agencies of Clear Creek County, Colorado write in unified support of Clear Creek County's request for federal Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending to upgrade generator infrastructure at the courthouse/jail complex in Georgetown.

During the December 16–23, 2025 Public Safety Power Shutoff event, Xcel Energy enacted planned outages across most of Clear Creek County to prevent wildfires during an extreme wind event designated by the National Weather Service as a "Particularly Dangerous Situation." Approximately 5,500 residents lost power for up to seven days. Though the courthouse complex retained power during that event, Xcel could not guarantee continuity, leaving the County unable to reliably open an in-county emergency shelter or ensure uninterrupted jail operations.

This project will address those vulnerabilities directly. Rewiring an existing generator and adding a new unit will provide reliable backup power to the Emergency Operations Center, jail, emergency shelter facilities, and the communications infrastructure supporting first responder radio operations throughout the county.

Clear Creek County faces recurring high-wind and wildfire conditions that make extended power outages a predictable and ongoing threat. This investment will ensure that local government can fulfill its core public safety responsibilities to all residents when they need it most.

We respectfully urge your support for this request.

Sincerely,

Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners

City of Idaho Springs

Town of Empire

Town of Georgetown

Town of Silver Plume

Clear Creek County Sheriff

Clear Creek Fire Authority