Letter of Support!

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Garfield County School of Innovation

To the Review Committee and Authorizing Board:

I am writing to express our strong support for the Garfield County School of Innovation (GCSI).

I was born and raised in Garfield County and a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering and have spent my career in petroleum, construction, and property management, with particular expertise in occupational health and safety, restoration, and estate management. My wife, Ashley, is also an Embry-Riddle alumna and the owner of Afternoon Delight Bakery. As parents of two young sons, we care deeply about the educational options available to local families.

We are both lifelong aviation junkies and have worked with the GCSI founding team to help secure Embry-Riddle curriculum resources for the school. We believe a high-quality STEAM and aviation pathway, grounded in real-world aerospace education, will serve students in Garfield County exceptionally well. Embry-Riddle is *the* global leader in aviation education and the possibility of Garfield County offering that curriculum cannot be overstated. GCSI's vision aligns with the needs of our community and the broader Western Slope workforce.

We urge full approval of the GCSI charter application and look forward to supporting the school as it develops.

Sincerely,

Clay Buerger
Ashley Buerger

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