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To the board of Teton County Commissioners.

By offering multiple sectors of housing, Teton County can address the varied needs and preferences of its residents. The workers of our community are the one resource that we must be looking at to ensure our future. We at the Chamber of Commerce support the approval of housing opportunities and urge you to support the housing sectors that are included within the Northern South Park project and understand this approval will advance the discussion of more specific scope of housing included. This project also fits within the intent and scope of the Teton County Comprehensive Plan. We must be able to act when those are in front of us, while resisting the belief that everything should be perfect before approval. We urge caution in any approach that might essentially end this opportunity and become instead a regulatory moratorium for the many needed sectors of housing for our community. Let's place trust in the entities in our community who have already stepped up in working solutions for decades, many who are excited to be part of this project once approved. The last complete subdivision that was approved in Teton County, Wyoming took nearly a decade to complete, and that was with many of the construction companies who were actively seeking work. Approving this project plants, the seed necessary to steer growth in a direction that helps keep community excellence as a priority.

The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce last 3 membership surveys highlight the need for housing as the number one issue facing our community, we urge you to pass the Northern Southpark proposal. There is no one solution that will ever meet the deficiency we have for housing in our community, but not approving this project continues to push values even further out of reach of those who we desperately need to keep our community viable. Join us in supporting a new neighborhood that will serve residents and workers in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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