



March 2nd, 2022

Dear Teton County Board of Commissioners,

Please accept this letter in support of the housing proposal to rezone Legacy Lodge to allow it to be used for workforce rental housing. Now is the time to leverage realistic solutions that maximize the use of existing structures for local workforce housing.

As a business organization of over 75 years that has focused on the needs of the community and the businesses that support it, we urge you to make the necessary decision that would allow workforce housing to be developed in a timely and affordable fashion, paid for entirely by the owner.

As you know, many of our workforce struggle daily just to remain in Teton County. This constant pressure created by the decline in workforce housing availability is a major contribution to the mental health challenges we have all become so familiar with over the past few years.

In response to the needs of our community, the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce deployed a Business Roundtable Housing survey with the objective of identifying solutions to this ongoing issue. The survey showed that 40% of business owners would be interested in a master lease program which would provide long term rental housing for key employees. In addition, 42% would consider a housing stipend for employees.

We strongly encourage the Teton Board of County Commissioners to approve the zoning request with reasonable conditions needed to greenlight **Legacy Lodge** for the purpose of providing rental housing for the Teton County workforce.

Yours sincerely,

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