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Dear Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) Board Members,

To achieve increased and successful workforce housing solutions the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce supports the funding request to WCDA by the Jackson/Teton County Housing Department for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Home Funds and National Housing Trust Funds for the 174 North King Street Housing Project in Jackson, WY.

We encourage and applaud you for considering funding this low-income rental housing project close to Jackson Elementary School, Teton County Recreation Center and multiple employment opportunities that could house 45+ critical need low income workers in our community.

The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce recently surveyed our membership in 2019 (over 900) and for the third year in a row concern for finding qualified part-time and full-time employees, lack of availability of workforce housing and retaining qualified employees rank as three of the top four business challenges, and housing was identified as the #1 challenge facing the valley.

On behalf of the board and membership we encourage open mindedness when reviewing this housing application, it provides solutions, that make sense given the current set of factors that now exist in Teton County, namely land scarcity, and construction cost escalation.

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the lack of workforce and deed restricted housing in our community and has prioritized supporting solutions for this. As a project that combines essentially free town land, a willing developer and supportive business environment, on behalf of all our low income workers, we strongly urge you find a way to approve this request as replicating this opportunity in the future is hard to predict.

Yours sincerely,

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CC April Norton, Housing Director, Jackson/Teton County Affordable Housing Department