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Mr. Kenneth W. Lund, executive director
Colorado Economic Development Commission
c/o Office of Economic Development and International Trade
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June 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Lund:

On behalf of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, I'm writing to express our support for the City for Champions proposal. State funding for this collaborative project will increase tourism in Colorado, help diversify state and local economies, and celebrate excellence in sports and science.

The face of UCCS is changing. We are the state's growth campus, currently serving nearly 10,000 students. We've been named in *US News & World Report: America's Best Colleges*. As one of southern Colorado's largest employers, we generate \$30 million annually in state and local taxes.

With your support, the University can continue to grow in a way that brings tremendous economic and intellectual benefits to our students, local and regional communities, and the research sphere that extends beyond state boundaries. RTA funding helps the university realize our aspirations for the Sports Medicine and Performance Center, a key component needed to grow the Health and Wellness Village. This facility fills a unique need in the state for concentrated, specialized medical services for elite and Paralympic athletes, and senior citizens. It will also bring together researchers, practitioners and students in a collaborative learning environment.

Thank you for your consideration. We trust the commission finds this project compelling, and we are happy to answer questions or provide additional detail on our plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Shockley-Zalabak".

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