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Wyoming Water Development Office
Attn: Jeffrey Kaiser, Project Manager
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Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Jeff,

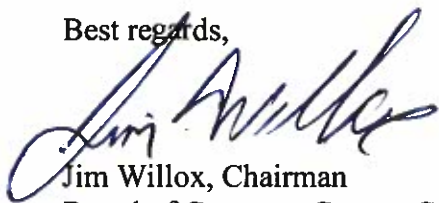
This letter is intended to express strong support from Converse County for the LaPrele Dam Reconstruction Project. The most obvious reason is to ensure the safety of our community. A failure of the existing structure would devastate homes and result in loss of property, homes, livestock, and livelihood, and could result in loss of life. In short, it would shatter our community.

As owners of Ayres Natural Bridge Park, the County also wants to ensure the Park remains intact, and more importantly, that the visitors and year-round caretakers remain safe. Natural Bridge Park welcomes visitors from around the world all season and is a true wonder.

Finally, this project would have a positive economic impact on our county, both during and after construction. The number of workers required to complete a project of this magnitude will bring dollars into the region for years. Additionally, the continued use of this critical water source for area ranchers and farmers is imperative to their operations.

Please reach out if there is anything we can do to assist you in this massive endeavor as Converse County will only benefit from this project.

Best regards,



Jim Willox, Chairman
Board of Converse County Commissioners

CC: LaPrele Irrigation District, Board of Directors
City of Douglas and Towns of Glenrock, Rolling Hills, and Lost Springs
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