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Rep. Matt Gray,
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Rep. Gray and Committee Members:

I write in support of HB20-1164 to clarify that Housing Authorities are exempt from development impact fees imposed by Water Conservancy Districts. My understanding is that State Statute already provides for this exemption, but that certain Water Conservancy Districts don't recognize this principle, hence the reason HB20-1164 is needed.

As a builder of affordable housing throughout the state, I can assure you that getting relief from development impact fees can be the difference between a project proceeding or not. Construction costs keep increasing year after year and the private sector struggles to make affordable housing economics work. This is especially true in communities on the Western Slope. The result is that burden of providing affordable housing has largely rested with Housing Authorities and they rely on impact fee relief to make their projects work.

Affordable housing in our communities is critical. HB20-1164 will make it clear on how impact fees are waived throughout the state so that there is no inconsistency.

Thanks for your consideration.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven H. Meyer".

Steven H. Meyer

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