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Uintah County Residents,

The BTA is an extremely important asset to Uintah County and the residents of Uintah County...They provide a service that a lot of residents use to travel around town and to and from Duchesne/Roosevelt. We know several people that utilize the buses to go to classes and to Doctor's appointments and other reasons, in Roosevelt. In this time of hardship, many people do not have a vehicle to travel around town, so they hop on "The Bus".

BTA also helps our local economy...when fueling up and having repairs done in town, they are putting their dollars back into our community, and supporting the local economy.

Most cities have a transit system, and the cities in the Uintah Basin should not be any different. We try to cater to the tourists, and the BTA could be a huge contributing factor to having more tourist's visit our area.

Vernal is growing, we are expanding our airport, and are still seeing new business's going up and new homes being built, we need to accommodate for the growth of our rural town.

We feel that if people had the opportunity to utilize the BTA transit system it would also help cut down on the congestion and pollution we suffer from in this area.

The BTA is utilized for various community events from Holly Days to Paddle fest, and was recently used at Split Mountain for the Symphony...We feel that if as a community doesn't support the funding of this program, and we are going to lose a vital asset to our community.

Thank you,

Employees of Craig's Pit Stop

*Roy Craig McKee*  
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## DUCHESNE COUNTY COMMISSION

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September 01, 2017

RE: Prop 1 in Duchesne County

To whom this may concern,

Duchesne County strives to reach all residents with safe reliable transportation corridors. Prop 1 has strengthened our ability to improve our overall service.

Sincerely,

DUCHESNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Ronald Winterton*

*Greg Todd*

*Ken W. Burdick*

September 7, 2017

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to BTA service. My children ride the BTA busses regularly. I think it is an invaluable resource for our community. My children are older, and this is the way they get around town. They have a sibling that lives in Roosevelt that they enjoy visiting. Because of BTA service, they are able to do it as often as they would like.

If they have an appointment they need to be to, there are plenty of routes that will get them close to where they need to be.

I would like to see the BTA service continue in our community.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Holbert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marianne Holbert

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The BTA has provided me and many others here in Uintah County with very inexpensive reliable transportation. They are providing a necessary and very valuable community service to the communities of Vernal, Lapoint, Fort Duchesne, and Ballard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Nicholes', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JEFF NICHOLLES  
LAPPOINT, UT



September 7, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I work with people who have disabilities, they have been given the chance to be more self-determined and independent, learning how to use the bus system, being able to access their community, and for some eventually going to work. Learning and doing things for themselves and not having to depend on others is very important to them.

I have lived in a rural area in Uintah County most of life and never have been able to take advantage of a bus system for transportation like people in the cities have. My granddaughter and I have been using the bus system for last few years. It is nice to have the opportunity to let someone else drive us to work each day. Not only is there one less vehicle on the road polluting the air and congesting the highway, we save a little money on fuel, gas, and tires. I get to maximize the time I have each day. I can catch up on my reading, I have less stress because I don't have to drive especially during snowy weather, and I get my daily exercise walking to and from the bus stop. Riding the bus has shown me how diverse and friendly our Uintah Basin Community is.

I would like to thank those people responsible for this wonderful system and to show my support.

Thank You,

Arlisa Pope



To whom it may concern,

I am the day program coordinator for Rise Services, Inc. here in Uintah County. We provide opportunities for and with people with disabilities. Using public transit is a valuable skill and the BTA has given us the opportunity to teach them this. The bus is so easy to use, there is a stop right by our office and the maps are easy to use. We have taken the bus to the park, out to lunch, to work and shopping. Occasionally we ride it just to get out and check out the scenery. The bus drivers are so friendly and the bus is super comfortable. One particular day we had a picnic at the park scheduled and our company van was broken, instead of canceling the trip we were able to use the bus.

I've personally rode the bus to get to and from work. I've even had my children use it to get to the rec center or various places around town, when I as a working mom may be unavailable. I truly appreciate having the BTA available in our community, it is definitely a life saver. Thank you for providing this service.

*Alexandrea Rupp*  
Rise DSP Coordinator



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To whom it may concern:

Duchesne County passed Prop about two years ago. Roosevelt City has committed funds it receives to a 5 year plan for improving roads and sidewalks throughout Roosevelt City. Over the five year period the City expect to be able to patch, level, and chip seal nearly every road in the city.

As walkable communities become a higher priority for residents, Prop 1 in Duchesne County has given Roosevelt City much needed resources to expand the foot print of sidewalks, curb, and gutters in Roosevelt City, and over the next few years those funds will help expand the walkability of Roosevelt City.

Roosevelt City also uses the funds from Prop 1 as matching funds for grant applications. Roosevelt City continues to apply for needed funds from various State, and Federal agencies, and Prop 1 is the catalyst that was needed to acquire those added grant funds.

Roosevelt City is proud to be one of several commercial hubs in the Uintah Basin. Infrastructure is a constant challenge. We are encouraged by the contribution of Prop 1 funds which will help us achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

Vaun Ryan  
Roosevelt City Mayor



# Terra Academy

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September 7, 2017

Dear Basin Transit Association,

We are writing this to let you know that many of our Terra Academy students use the bus line on a daily basis. It would be a disservice to many of our students and parents if this bus line was not available for their transportation. Students who live in rural areas such as La Point, etc, utilize the bus to come into Vernal. Other students who live within Vernal also find it is convenient to use the bus line to come to Terra Academy. With school just beginning, we expect to see an increase in students who use the bus. We had approximately 30 students last year who were regularly using the BTA.

Cuts to the bus service will impact the poorest and most vulnerable families. Young people need affordable bus service in order to give them a chance to take opportunities in education and work. Research has shown that one in five students has considered dropping out of education due to the financial cost, and owning and operating a car is a huge part of that expense.

Older and disabled people have benefited from free bus travel, enabling their mobility and associated economic activity. Disabled people use buses more often than non-disabled people, and are less likely to have the choice to take a car. Working age people with visual impairments, for example, could be particularly badly affected. Cutting bus services can mean the loss of people's only independent access to transport. People in one of the above bus user groups who also live in the country are doubly disadvantaged, because poor bus provision already causes isolation and suffering in rural areas.

Secondly, bus cuts are a false economy, damaging economic recovery, and adding to unemployment - contrary to government commitments to restore the economy and get people working. It has been suggested that jobseekers should get on buses to access work in neighboring areas. However, evidence shows that many people who want to work are unable to take jobs, or are forced to apply for benefits because of insufficient and expensive bus transportation. Surveys have shown that overall a third of job seekers say poor transport options are the biggest barrier to finding work. Local businesses depend on customers getting to the shops and services on the bus as well.

Also, bus cuts will result in more car journeys. People need good bus services to incentivize a shift away from everyone jumping into their cars. Bus cuts will only make the problem worse. Electric vehicles will be part of the mix of measures to reduce carbon, but their impact will not be felt for many years and reductions in carbon emissions are needed now. Buses are an essential part of the strategy for reducing carbon as well as tackling traffic congestion and social exclusion.

The government should not in its haste to make savings, lose sight of the fact that buses enable economic activity and self-sufficiency, and are a vital part of the journey we all need to make towards a low-carbon future. It is time that buses moved further up everyone's agenda.

Cassie Hays  
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School Director Cassie Hays



"My name is Rod Withee. In 2009 I was 500 lbs. All that weight took a toll on my health, I have asthma, epilepsy, and diabetes. It is nice to know that should my driver's license be taken away for health reasons I can still get to my appointments, go shopping, and be able to get out."

"The bus service is a vital part of the Basin. Please continue to improve this service. If we did not have this service people like me would be in a bad situation. Thank you for your time."

Rod Withee

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Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

I have the pleasure to work in position where I provide services to individuals with disabilities. Many of the individuals that I work with are not able to obtain drivers licenses due to their disability. Individuals with disabilities are often trapped in a cycle of poverty. Having access to public transportation to attend meetings with community resources, as well as the ability to obtain, and maintain employment, can impact fully end this cycle. Without BTA these individuals would not be able to have access to reliable transportation for all life needs and opportunities.

*LaNae Walker*

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