



October 29, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

Colorado Springs Utilities is the largest community-owned, not-for-profit, four-service utility in the nation. We have provided water, wastewater, gas, and electric utility services to approximately 450,000 residents in the Pikes Peak Region for almost 100 years.

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, we are writing to express our support for H. R. 5001. This bill provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) to ensure continuity in recovery program operations. The Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species. As such, the success and continuation of these programs is of paramount importance to meeting Colorado Springs Utilities' water and energy supply needs.

Our thanks to you for introducing this legislation, and we look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


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Chief Water, Compliance, and Innovation Officer

CC: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

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