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

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

Subject: 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:

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to Dolores Water Conservancy and many water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species. I believe the recent reclassification of the humpback chub from endangered to threatened (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/18/2021-20964/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-reclassification-of-the-humpback-chub-from-endangered>) by the USFW Service points to continued success under the recovery programs.

My thanks to you for introducing the legislation. I 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,

DWCD General Manager