



**COLORADO**  
 Colorado Water Conservation Board  
 Department of Natural Resources



November 2, 2021

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

Re: Support of 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:

This letter expresses our support of H.R.5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This legislation provides necessary amendments to the authorization for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs (P.L. 106-392) to assure continuity in recovery programs' operations. The amendments are important to the Upper Division states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming because the recovery programs benefit the recovery of four threatened and endangered native fish species and provide Endangered Species Act compliance for more than 2,500 water projects in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

We thank you for your leadership in pursuing this legislation and we look forward to continuing our work.

Sincerely,

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