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Roy Masinton  
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Dear Mr. Masinton,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Over the River Project being planned by Cristo and Jean-Claude. There is a considerable amount of thought, planning, and discussion associated with the project, as well as a wide range of opinion. I wish to address you as a private citizen, and as the Superintendent of the Canon City Fremont RE-1 School District.

As a private citizen, I would tell you that I have attended several meetings where the project has been discussed. Citizens for and against the project were in attendance at these meetings. I have seen information regarding the project and have been impressed with the amount of detail that has gone into the planning process. Also, I have seen and heard every criticism or concern raised by those objecting to the project being addressed by Cristo and Jean-Claude. This is the same care and concern that has been part of previous successful projects done by these artists.

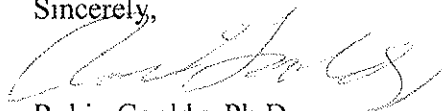
Living in the area, I see this project being a positive for Colorado and Fremont County. The impact of the project on the environment should be no greater than the huge number of rafters, fishermen, bicyclists, tourists, and locals who enjoy the river every year. Quite frankly, the plans for restoring the river to its former condition after the project is concluded are thought out much more than some of the other activities mentioned above. Beyond the environmental issues, the project will also have a positive impact on the economy of the area. This looks to me like a project that is a plus for our area.

As the Superintendent of Canon City Fremont RE-1 School District, I want you to know that this project has been a wonderful addition to what we offer our students. The artists have made their time and talents available to some of our schools. Students have not only seen artwork associated with the project, they have received something of a lesson in civics as they hear of the process of getting approval for the project. Another interest of our students is the environmental impact of this project, as well as others. They have learned through discussion of the thought process, care, and consideration the

artists have given to the environment. Being involved in the discussions of the project has been a good opportunity for our students.

I look forward to seeing the Over the River Project gaining the necessary approval to proceed. Seeing the finished project on display to the world will be a great day for all of us, and something for our part of the world to be proud of. I appreciate your time and your consideration of the Over the River Project.

Sincerely,



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