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To Whom It May Concern:

The Taos Center for the Arts (TCA) in Taos, New Mexico extends our enthusiastic, positive support to world famous public artists, Christo and Jeanne-Claude for completion of *Over The River*. Art shouldn't be a battlefield but often is, so the TCA would also like to extend encouraging support to the communities this project affects.

The Taos Center for the Arts, established in 1950 as The Taos Art Association, is the oldest arts non-profit in New Mexico. The TCA has also been designated as the Arts Council for the Town of Taos. As leaders in Northern New Mexico we are compelled to support *Over The River*. Taos is only a 3-4 hour drive from the project site.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude are magnificent artists who use the world as their armature or backdrop. They have devoted their lives to public art and are an inspiration to artists everywhere. Christo and Jeanne-Claude are universally revered and respected and will bring art enthusiasts from around the globe to experience *Over The River*.

Please help bring this great work of art to fruition.

Thank you,

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