

## **SAMPLE LETTER**

Dear Members of the Montana Board of Housing,

The community of Big Sky is in desperate need of affordable and workforce housing. A large portion of those employed in Big Sky live in outlying communities because there are no affordable rental housing options. This puts a strain on local businesses to maintain staffing levels in a very competitive labor market.

Big Sky recognizes that affordable housing is a major issue, and it has committed \$1.9 million in Resort Tax funds to develop Riverview Apartments. Additionally, the Big Sky Water and Sewer District earmarked Single Family Equivalency (SFE) vouchers for water and sewer connections for Riverview Apartments. Without the monetary and the SFE commitments, the development of Riverview Apartments would not be feasible.

Although there is a need for more workforce housing in Big Sky, the 25 affordable housing units at Riverview Apartments will certainly put a dent in the overwhelming demand. The commitments that Big Sky has made to make Riverview Apartments possible exemplify an impressive collaborative spirit. I hope you strongly consider approving this project for Low-Income Housing Tax credit financing.

Sincerely,

Your name

## **OPTIONS TO INCLUDE**

- Include how YOU (or someone close to you) has been impacted by housing challenges
- Comment on impact on local businesses
- Talk about low rental availability and increase in short-term rentals
- Talk about high cost of living in Big Sky
- Mention the commute down the Canyon for 78% of our workers
- Describe the impact on the community of few resident workers