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Honorable Mayor Louis Carter-King and Gillette City Council Members  
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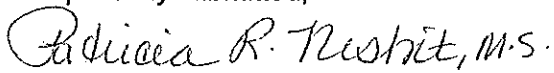
**RE: WYOMING RECOVERY**

Honorable Mayor Carter-King and Council Members:

I am writing you today regarding Wyoming Recovery's intention to open a residential treatment center in Gillette. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) counseling for mental health, Licensed Addictions Therapist (LAT) therapy for substance use, Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), and am certified by the State of Wyoming Behavioral Health Services Division to treat people with substance use disorders. I have a private practice in Gillette. I conduct assessments, Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Level 1 Outpatient treatment including Relapse Prevention, Continuing Care, Continuing Aftercare, individual counseling, family counseling, co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance use). Because of the work that I do, I know that there is a tremendous need for a local inpatient treatment facility. The wait times to get into an inpatient facility is often for months. The need in our community is so great, my current wait list to get into the Level 2.1 program that I facilitate is currently at capacity until late June, 2018.

I have worked with patients who participated in the Wyoming Recovery program in Casper, WY and have discharged to the levels of care that I offer. The individualized care they receive at Wyoming Recovery is necessary for success and the areas they address are critical for change and recovery. I believe that this would be a great option for people in our community who would like to remain in Gillette while receiving care. It puts a great deal of stress on the patient and their family when they must go out of town to receive residential treatment. I would eventually like to see a long-term treatment facility in Gillette and I feel that Wyoming Recovery would be a great first step to address the need in our community. I am in total support of Wyoming Recovery's request as it will be beneficial to our residents and the community at large. This will add another critical component for treatment options in Gillette to deal with the epidemic of addiction and the increasing need for rehabilitation to address this life altering and often deadly disease.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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