To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of support for the creation of a safe bike path in Sanpete County; from Fairview to Gunnison. This path would help connect our rural communities, bring families, friends and neighbors together and help encourage outdoor physical activity. In addition, this path would be a safe, green alternative to vehicle transportation in towns and around the county.

Rural areas have historically lacked access to non-motorized recreational opportunities. Currently, people who want to walk, jog or ride bicycles must do so in the streets and along the highway. A dedicated public path would help protect our community members from motor vehicles and provide a safe place for outdoor physical activity.

Access to quality public paths has been directly linked to an overall improvement in the physical and mental health of communities. A welcoming bike path for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy would be a wonderful addition to our rural county.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely, Lara Kendall Sanpete County Resident