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To Ms. Kathleen Taylor, City Planner

Re: Rocky Mountain Recycling CUP 6425 Brighton Boulevard (CUP23-0001)

The Energy, Equity, and Environment (E3) Division reviewed the conditional use permit request and support the expansion of Rocky Mountain Recycling's operations at 6425 Brighton Boulevard. Rocky Mountain Recycling and other similar operations will help Commerce City meet our ability to increase our waste diversion target to 85% by 2050. Recycling also aids in reducing Commerce City's greenhouse gas emissions (C3 targets of a 50% reduction by 2030 and 90% by 2050) by recycling and reusing scrap metal in lieu of manufacturing new metal material.

The following item is stated in the [Sustainability Action Plan](#) (adopted in July 2023) under Strategies and Actions:

- **Recycling & Waste Diversion Strategy:** *Improve waste diversion infrastructure in C3 to support low carbon transition and pollution reduction goals. **WD13.** Adopt and enforce a Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste recycling ordinance. Consider requirements for using recycled concrete in all new projects.*

With Commerce City's trash costs rising from one-million dollars to three-million dollars in three years, encouraging recycling facilities of all varieties is a better economic path for the City. Our E3 Division will be introducing two recycling ordinances in 2024 to further waste diversion targets.

Please feel free to contact E3 via email at [etart@c3gov.com](mailto:etart@c3gov.com) or by phone at 303-227-8782 to further discuss this letter.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Planner III

cc: Dr. Rosemarie Russo, E3 Sustainability Manager; Jennifer Jones, Planning Manager;  
Jared Gerber, Community Development Director