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To the Honorable Town of Bluff Mayor and the Honorable Town Council Members,

I would like to offer my full support to Cow Canyon Coffee for utilizing the Fire Mesa Kitchen to help the owners in maintaining and becoming a successful addition to the Bluff business community.

I stopped at Cow Canyon Coffee last weekend for my first latte there, and I can tell you that Hannah, Kate and Brian have done an amazing job. Their business is a true asset to the community.

There are other businesses which I have not frequented yet that are great assets to the community as well. Please keep in mind that business owners are community members and residents as well.

As such, Cow Canyon Coffee using a community kitchen accomplishes the reason why the Fire Mesa Kitchen was built in the first place and getting some rental income is better than the kitchen sitting idle.

Being a small business owner myself, I believe that some of the most important functions of a town government is to provide services and to ensure that its businesses are successful and continue thriving.

Think of the town's businesses as your little piggy banks collecting money for you and the town being our "silent" business partner without really doing very much or taking any risk.

I remember, 30 years ago when Desert Rose Resort started as a small Inn, when Cindy and I bought the Jens Nielson Historic House, community support was paramount to our early days of becoming entrepreneurs.

I remember being the first housekeeper Desert Rose had, and Cindy was managing and cooking at Twin Rocks Cafe while Tarrik was strapped to a cradleboard besides her.

Owning and operating a small business is generally very challenging, especially in a remote community. A town government should go out of its way to make that process easier.

I would like to encourage the Mayor and Town Council to do everything they can to help keep Cow Canyon Coffee and other businesses viable and flourishing. I trust that they will.

Kind Regards,

Amer Tumeh
Desert Rose Resort and Cabins
Bluff