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Mr. Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re.: Golden Urban Renewal Authority Application for Brownfields Clean Up Grant

Dear Administrator Johnson:

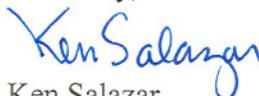
I urge you to support an application submitted by Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant. With these funds, the city of Golden, Colorado, hopes to continue to fulfill a 17-year effort to revitalize their downtown.

The Golden Urban Renewal Agency has operated as Golden's redevelopment organization since 1990. They have made steady progress since their creation, tackling ambitious redevelopment projects including a blighted site conspicuously located at a main intersection known as "Hested's". In order to close a deal for the redevelopment of this site, GURA committed to a \$1.1 million Perchloroethylene (PCE) cleanup, a \$4.5 million public parking garage, and an additional \$1.25 million in public purpose support for the mixed-use phase of the project. The private investment in this project will be over \$20 million and will bring 34 residences and over 20,000 square feet of new commercial space to the heart of downtown. GURA has deferred programming and budgeting on a variety of important tasks to focus on this project, now called "Gateway Station", which includes a new sustainability campaign designed to support energy efficiency and renewable energy programming for downtown Golden's residents and businesses.

I strongly urge you to support this proposal. EPA Brownfields Cleanup funds would be essential in helping offset the remediation costs of the Gateway Station project, and would allow GURA to fully honor its ambitious mission of revitalizing Golden's downtown and supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts in Golden.

Thank you for your consideration. Please keep my Denver office informed of any developments related to this proposal.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator