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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find the attached letter and photos for consideration in regards to 2130 Violet St's proposed office project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to share with you our experiences with Lowe Enterprises on a development they are currently in the process of executing in Douglas County, Colorado. The land that they are developing is one of the last wildlife corridors in our area, and is home to many different wildlife species. The proposed development encompasses 1,584 acres and was home to one of the last large prairie dog colonies in Douglas County. Prairie dogs are a keystone species and they are necessary for the existence of at least 180 other species of wildlife providing food, shelter and habitat for various threatened and endangered species.

Our organization contacted Lowe Enterprises and worked specifically with the project manager, John Waggoner, and voiced our concern for the prairie dog colony and requested that he work with us to safely and viably relocate this colony prior to commencing with any work on the site. We also requested that he not poison this colony and that we all work together to find a non lethal solution. Waggoner expressed to us that he would do this, and that he would like to meet with us and discuss possibilities in the fall. Approximately 4 weeks later, on July 18th, 2015, without any notification, he hired an extermination company to kill the entire 1500 acre prairie dog colony with phosphine gas, which also kills many non-targeted species when prairie dogs escape and die above ground and puts humans that live in close proximity at risk as well.

Many residents and concerned citizens throughout Colorado were extremely upset at these actions. Not only was Lowe Enterprises developing a cherished and beautiful wildlife corridor, but they lied to locals about their desire to save this wildlife community that lived there. There was absolutely no reason for them to take the actions they did in such a disrespectful and dishonest way.

Based on our experiences, I encourage you to ensure Lowe Enterprises is required to do a full environmental impact report at 2130 Violet St rather than the more limited environmental review they are seeking.

Please note the attached photos of the poisoned land and dead prairie dogs on the site surface.

Thank you for your consideration,

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