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**Re: Letter of Support for Taos County as the Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant**

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of **Union County**, I am writing to express our full support for **Taos County** to serve as the **Accountable Entity** for our Behavioral Health Region under the SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant.

We recognize the urgent need to strengthen behavioral health systems in our region and believe that Taos County is well positioned to lead this effort. Taos County has demonstrated the administrative capacity, collaborative leadership, and community partnerships necessary to coordinate a regional planning process that reflects the priorities of all participating counties and tribes.

As part of this collaboration, **Union County** is committed to actively participating in the **Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee**, engaging in the Enhanced Sequential Intercept Mapping (E-SIM) process, and contributing to community outreach and listening sessions. We look forward to working alongside Taos County and our regional partners to ensure that the planning process is inclusive, data-driven, and responsive to the needs of the diverse communities we serve.

We are confident that with Taos County as the Accountable Entity, our region will develop a comprehensive and sustainable behavioral health plan that strengthens services, promotes equity, and improves outcomes across northern New Mexico.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Brandy Thompson  
County Manager  
Union County