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To The PEW Charitable Trust:

As representatives of the Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA), we want to give our full support for the proposed Battlement Mesa Health Impact Assessment project under the guidance of the Colorado School of Public Health.

In 1997, the impetus to form GVCA was in response to the increasing impacts of gas drilling upon the health and welfare of citizens in Western Garfield County. GVCA members, with assistance from Western Colorado Congress, were also involved with framing some of the new state Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) oil-and-gas regulations. Members of the GVCA participated in the recent documentary, "Split Estate."

As a sub-committee of GVCA, Battlement Concerned Citizens (BCC) is an active group of volunteers who meet weekly, addressing problems and solutions to prepare for Antero's 200-well project within the Battlement residential area. With the support of the Wolcott Family Foundation, GVCA has secured grant funding to help Battlement citizens participate in the health study and the COGCC's Comprehensive Drilling Plan process.

We also commend the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners and Public Health staff members for putting time and money towards the Battlement Health Study. It was no small feat by county staff to get a cross-section of stakeholders, such as the oil-and-gas companies as well as GVCA/BCC, to sit down together to work towards a common goal such as the proposed Health Impact Assessment. This effort is worth continuing under the guidance of the Health Impact Project.

No doubt, the proposed Health Impact Assessment project in Battlement Mesa could be used as the doorway for health studies in other communities impacted by oil-and-gas development. We recognize the importance of this HIA study and we are fully committed to this effort, and will cooperate with all stakeholders in the project.

We believe most importantly, the expertise and neutrality that the Health Impact Project offers, in conjunction with the Colorado School of Public Health, will be instrumental in the success of the Battlement Health Study.

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**Colorado School of Public Health Battlement Health Impact Assessment for
Battlement Mesa in Garfield County, Colorado**

Thank you for considering funding the Battlement HIA proposal as presented by representatives from the Colorado School of Public Health. This is a unique opportunity to study health impacts from residential oil-and-gas drilling operations and our results will be of interest to many communities across the nation.

Sincerely,

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