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Mike Coffman
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15151 E. Alameda Parkway
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To The Honorable Mike Coffman,

On May 6, 2023, there was a major collapse of ductwork at the Gaylord Resort and Hotel in Aurora, CO, resulting in multiple injuries to guests enjoying the pool. Initial news reports indicate any investigation into the causation of the system failure will be conducted internally by Gaylord Properties. We are writing this letter to demand a third-party investigation take place in the interest of public safety.

While there are many potential explanations as to why the hanger system failed, we firmly believe a third-party independent investigation will ensure full transparency in determining whether minimum industry standards were satisfied throughout the engineering and installation process and reveal whether the hanger system and duct are rated for a chlorinated environment.

Given the limited information available to the public, it is **paramount** a third-party investigation take place to ensure full transparency and objectivity. Identifying the exact reason for the failure is imperative to prevent similar accidents from occurring in the future. The safety and well-being of our community, and visitors to the Gaylord Property, depend on it.

It is our understanding that the mechanical contractor responsible for this system has installed HVAC in similar applications across the state of Colorado.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Alvino", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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