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Hello,

My name is Meaghan McKasy and I am a resident of Millcreek, UT, as well as a frequent recreator of Big Cottonwood Canyon. I am writing to express my strong support for Ordinance OAM2025-001431. This proposed ordinance is an important step toward protecting the unique character and environment of the town of Brighton, and I urge the council to adopt it.

I support this ordinance for several key reasons, all of which align with the goals outlined in the Town of Brighton General Plan. First and foremost, I support the proposed change that separates the use definitions of "Ski Resorts" and "Ski Resort Support Facilities." This distinction is essential because ski runs and support facilities have fundamentally different impacts on our environment. While ski runs can provide valuable habitat and help with water management, the impervious surfaces and buildings associated with commercial developments and parking lots can lead to habitat fragmentation and negative impacts on our watershed. Separating these uses in code allows for a more responsible approach to land use, ensuring that regulations match the real-world impacts of development.

Second, as both a backcountry skier and a resort skier, I fully support the goal of keeping the ski area boundaries within their existing footprint. The proposed changes by Solitude Mountain Resort would allow for new commercial development, including parking, in areas that should be preserved as forestry land. This runs counter to the community's long-standing desire to limit urban growth and protect open spaces. This ordinance would remove a problematic carve-out in the town code that currently allows ski resorts to build commercial facilities in all forestry zones, a privilege not extended to other entities.

Finally, this ordinance will help to address one of the most pressing issues in BCC: traffic congestion. By limiting the expansion of parking facilities, the town of Brighton can proactively manage traffic and prevent the additional congestion that new development would inevitably cause, while hopefully applying pressure for more public transit options. This is a matter of safety and a quality of life issue for both residents and visitors.

Ordinance OAM2025-001431 supports responsible development, protects our natural landscape, and helps to manage traffic. I urge you to pass this ordinance and reject any proposals that would undermine its purpose.

Thank you for your time,

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