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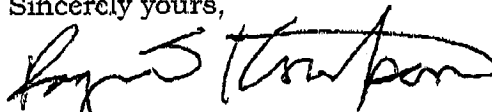
Dear Vicki:

I would greatly appreciate your consideration toward amending an ordinance to allow a group home as conditional use, in real estate zoned general commercial. The location is 717 Meade Street, Suite 300.

The home would be our son Kai's domicile. Kai is 25 years old, with a 23-year history of debilitating epilepsy. As a result, he is a special needs individual, who requires supervision 24/7. Kai has been unable to successfully live away from Rapid City at a life college specializing in people with his needs. Therefore, my wife and I are attempting to put together a life skills program for Kai in Rapid City. Part of this program would include Kai living in a group home situation with two other young men, together with an on-site supervisor. In selecting this location, Kai will have ready access to good and services, including the city bus. Kai will have more ownership in his new home because he will be involved in the build-out. Lastly, my office is just a few hundred feet away, and Kai and I would have convenient access to each other.

Vicki, I greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter. I look forward to attending the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 7:00 AM on 08/05/10, to discuss the above.

Sincerely yours,



Roger S. Knutsen

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