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To whom it may concern:

Re: SB17-235

Crowley County fully supports HB17-235, as from personal experience, we have found the Seaplanes to be a good addition to our tourism activities, economic development activities and general enjoyment for our citizens.

Approximately one year ago, our largest lake, Lake Meredith, was designated as the first Seaplane base in the State of Colorado. Since then, Seaplanes have been able to use the lake with minimal restrictions. Although many of the citizens of Crowley County were initially concerned about the obvious, safety, invasive species and the unknown, we have found most of these issues to not be a problem. Procedures are in place to limit invasive species and both the planes and the boats respect each other's space, limiting the possibility of an accident. The "what if" could still be a problem, but each and every issue we refer to the Seaplane Pilots Association, is taken very seriously and resolved very quickly.

Crowley County is very supportive of allowing Seaplanes to have access to selected State Parks in the State of Colorado, and would strongly suggest this Senate Bill be viewed in a positive manner.

Sincerely,

T. E. (Tobe) Allumbaugh
Chairman
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Cc: Ray Hawkins, Seaplane Pilots Assn, Field Director, CO