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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my favor for the gondola option based at the La Caille station as the solution for Little Cottonwood transportation for the following reasons:

The gondola option provides the most economical, safe and reliable transportation for Little Cottonwood Canyon while also having the benefit of minimal environmental impact. The gondola option will also showcase a gem of the Salt Lake valley while limiting the impact on the watershed, reducing automobile traffic and emissions, and protecting the surrounding neighborhoods and communities from congestion and overuse.

A gondola will make the canyon accessible to locals and tourists while maintaining the pristine beauty of the canyon. Because it will be an attraction for all, a huge benefit for patrons and employees of the resorts, and accessible no matter the condition for skiers, the gondola option will conceivably pay for itself over time – particularly considering the decreased impact the canyon could otherwise suffer with the status quo or other vehicle options.

As a regular visitor of Little Cottonwood Canyon, an active snowboarder and hiker, and a resident just down the road from the canyon, I am extremely excited at the prospect of the La Caille gondola station option. I am anxious to help encourage state resources to a project that will be bring such value to the valley while solving difficult transportation issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirk Cullimore