March 16, 2016

Mayor Steve Allender
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Public Works Department
Dale Tech, Acting Director
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Mount Rushmore Road Project
Out of the Dust Funding Request

Dear Mayor and Director:

It is with respect and urgency that we request funds to pave the alley in the 1300 block of Mount Rushmore Road. This block is on the downhill side of the large hill on which Hillcrest Drive was built. During rain storms the water runs off this hill, onto 7th street, and down the alley between The Medicine Shoppe building (1304-1308) and Rushmore Plaza (1320). We have personally spent numerous hours scooping the gravel from our parking lot and the city has spent numerous hours grading the alley to remove ruts and redistribute the gravel.

With Mount Rushmore Road construction starting in our area next month, our businesses will need to direct our customers to use the alley to access our services during certain phases of construction. In the current condition, traffic will add considerable dust to the construction area.

Additionally, since the existing curb cut for the Medicine Shoppe Plaza will be removed during the Mount Rushmore Road construction project, the alley approach will serve as the southern entrance to our business. The aforementioned loose gravel is not only unsightly, it poses a hazard to vehicles entering or leaving our business and those adjacent to us.
It is our view that alleys subject to drainage issues such as the one described be assigned a high priority with respect to the Out of the Dust project.

Respectfully,

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Douglas Scheller          Donna Scheller
Property owner            Property Owner

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Curtis Rising             Shirley Walz-Rising
Owner                    Owner
The Medicine Shoppe       The Medicine Shoppe

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