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To Potential Supporters of Tomorrow's Bread,

When it comes to simple, effective non-profit organizations which address food insecurity and health inequity, Tomorrow's Bread is a thoughtful example of novel innovation that enriches our San Luis Valley home. By sourcing all of their organic, valley-grown flour from a local, multigenerational stone-mill, they support our local agricultural economy from the ground up. In so doing, they have created their own circular economy: maintaining, instead of exporting, the financial resources of our rural community. Furthermore, because they source, produce, and deliver hyper-locally, their carbon footprint is extremely minimal – a truly forward thinking production model.

No other organization reliably provides fresh, organic, fiber-full food to humanitarian service centers such as our local food bank network, shelter, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Very unlike the processed, refined breads found in most grocery stores or gas stations, the whole grain loaves provided by Tomorrow's Bread mean increased community access to quality, healthful food. Populations who suffer inordinately from metabolic disease, mental health disorders, and a lack of access to dignified foods now have access to weekly deliveries of nourishing staples that help remedy these concerns. What better way to give someone who may be down on their luck a spark of happiness and the nutrition they require not simply to survive, but to thrive.

Because food insecurity and health inequity are not unique to the San Luis Valley, Tomorrow's Bread is already taking steps toward expansion. But, instead of remaining constrained by the classic do-it-yourself mentality, they will create partnerships with other rural Colorado bakeries who will act as contracted Tomorrow's Bread satellites to provide for their regions as well — all while working to meet the yet unfulfilled needs of their own community. They already have interested partners outside of the valley and visions to expand production within, and the only obstacle standing in the way of this growth is funding.

That's the beauty of Tomorrow's Bread – it is at once disarmingly simple yet incredibly effective. Every dollar donated benefits the San Luis Valley economy, environment, people, and soon the same in other rural regions of our beautiful state. I hope you choose to support their initiative.

Thank you,

Senator Cleave Simpson