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Mr. Hoehne,

I am writing to you in support of NMSU's funding request for the demolition of Cole Village, which includes 26 vacant buildings totaling 170,800 sq. feet and contain approximately 200 apartments. These buildings have been vacant since 2017 and are a concern for many reasons to include: vandalism, malicious mischief, squatters, fire, reputation and are a real eyesore.

The conditions of these buildings continue to deteriorate along with the infrastructure in place to operate and protect them. These buildings draw unwanted attention and are a real danger to our students, families that reside near Cole Village, facility personnel, emergency responders and those that visit our campus.

As the Fire Chief for NMSU I take a deep concern and responsibility for the safety of all those that are on our great campus and fully support demolition of these buildings that make up Cole Village.

Stay safe and thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Johnny Carrillo'.

Johnny Carrillo
Fire Chief