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From: [Name
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I would like to express my full support for the construction of Pickleball courts at the new Eagle Sports Park. However, due to the exploding number of players, I recommend the current preliminary plan for four Pickleball courts be expanded to include at least a total of 12 courts. Eagle currently only has four Pickleball courts located at Friendship Park (lined courts but no permanent nets) in NE Eagle, and the demand for court space is a legitimate concern. I also fully support painting permanent Pickleball lines on the two proposed tennis courts, adding four additional courts for use with temporary nets.

The sport of Pickleball is growing nationally and locally at a rate that cannot be accommodated by the current number of courts. There are hundreds of players in Eagle and the surrounding area. Playtime Scheduler has over 1600 players registered in the Treasure Valley. Eagle Tennis Club has 12 courts available on a somewhat limited schedule with so many Pickleball players that they have closed enrollment to any new memberships. Courts in Boise and Meridian, where Eagle residents travel to play, are fully utilized, often with full paddle racks and significant wait times to play.

The sport of Pickleball provides Eagle residents a very friendly social and physical outlet. A larger Pickleball complex would potentially allow the City to garner income by hosting local tournaments, drawing dollars to Eagle from local, regional and possibly national participants. The courts could also provide income by being available for reservations similar to other Eagle Park facilities.

Pickleball is easy to learn and playable by ALL age and skill groups. It is a heart-healthy activity that can be played recreationally and competitively. It is also a relatively low-cost sport. All one needs to play is a paddle, a few balls, and some good court shoes, making it easy to join the fun. The Pickleball courts are very likely to see the highest usage in the sports park, since it can potentially be played year-round.

Thank you for considering the expansion of proposed Pickleball courts in this important Eagle City project!

Sincerely,

[Insert name]