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Senator Kerry Donovan
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Dear Senator Donovan,

On behalf of Eagle County Government, we would like to express our support for House Bill 19-1257 Voter Approval To Retain Revenue For Education & Transportation. We believe that excess funding each fiscal year should be retained and allocated to some of our state's most pressing priorities.

With voter approval this November, this bill would allow the state to annually retain and spend all state revenues in excess of the constitutional limitation on state fiscal year spending that the state would otherwise be required to refund, effectively 'de-Brucing' State government. The General Assembly will then appropriate funds to important programs and services impacting public schools; higher education; and roads, bridges, and transit.

We also believe that an appropriate level of scrutiny is included in this bill. Annual audits will ensure that the money retained is spent appropriately, and the Legislative Council will report on amounts and uses of funds annually.

We encourage you to support HB 19-1257. We understand some of your constituents in other areas can find de-brucing objectionable. But we have seen the difficulties created by an overly restrictive fiscal environment, and we have also seen the great work done by responsible local governments who have themselves de-bruced. We greatly appreciate your strong leadership at the state with this initiative.

Thank you,

Eagle County Board of Commissioners

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