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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Bennet,

Thank you for continuing to advocate for direct assistance to communities under 500,000 people through CARES Act funding. Funding for counties, small cities and towns, local government agencies, and special districts in the 4th CARES Act provision is crucial for our local responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We ask to be directly included in funding programs, including Payroll Protection Program, the Payroll Tax Credit for COVID Sick and Family leave, and access to capital for recovery.

In Eagle County, we have provided direct funding of \$1.6 million to date for direct assistance to community members, knowing that our future budget outlook is dire given massive reductions in sales and property taxes. We didn't wait to provide funding, as our residents can't wait for food and shelter. Without access to resources, we are unable to help our business community directly and fear long-term negative consequences for our economy.

Please include funding for small counties (Eagle County has a population of about 54,000) in the next CARES package. We appreciate your work on our behalf and your concern for our constituents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Chair

Matt Scherr  
Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney  
Commissioner