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The Honorable Jared Polis
The Governor of Colorado
200 East Colfax Ave
Denver, CO
sent via email: Governorpolis@state.co.us

Dear Governor Polis,

We ask that you direct part of the \$1.7 million state and local government portion of the CARES Act funding to assist communities under 500,000 people. Funding for counties, small cities and towns, local government agencies, and special districts is crucial for our local responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Counties are on the frontline in the response to the COVID 19 crisis, and there's a surge in county services Coloradans need in this unprecedented time. In addition to increased service demands and revenue losses, counties are working hard to secure adequate medical supplies, PPE and test kits. All disasters are local – including public health disasters – and the cost of response and recovery are borne by local governments.

In Eagle County, we have provided 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 and fear long-term negative consequences for our economy.

Please use money that Congress intended to help local governments to help small counties (Eagle County has a population of about 54,000). We appreciate your work on our behalf and your concern for our constituents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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