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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,

Thank you for your continued support of Eagle County and our communities during this COVID-19 public health crisis. We write to you today regarding testing for our uninsured and economically challenged community members.

Our case data shows that low-income families make up a significant portion of the population being impacted by COVID-19 in Eagle County. Providing access to testing for low-income individuals is understandably a top priority.

This week, we learned that both Lab Corp and Quest have doubled their PCR testing costs (it was ~\$50 for the uninsured, now they will be charging over \$100). This change will put additional strain on uninsured patients and medical providers, and the end result will be less testing and more unchecked disease spread in some of our most vulnerable communities. While some of our providers have been able to cover the costs of the tests, others have not.

We know that access to testing is a top priority for you and the State, and request that you consider covering the costs of testing and urge laboratories to control the costs of processing. Access to testing for all populations remains a key component in our recovery plan.

Thank you again for your support of Eagle County and your work on behalf of the State of Colorado.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

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