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TO: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee  
FROM: Eagle County Board of County Commissioners  
SUBJECT: Support for HB23-1139  
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Eagle County Commissioners support HB23-1139, Modification of Rural Counties Officer Salary Categories. Eagle County has requested a reclassification to Category 1A.

Eagle County is a relatively large rural county, with a population that increases greatly during winter and summer tourist seasons. Complexity of elected officials' jobs in this large county warrant a higher salary in order to attract and retain skilled officials. Eagle County is home to large unincorporated populations, including our largest population center in Edwards. Additionally, EagleVail, Beaver Creek, Dotsero, and El Jebel are population and commercial centers located outside of municipal boundaries. Eagle ranks twelfth in the state in total assessed value at \$3,358,891,110, following only the eastern slope metro counties.

The high cost of living in Eagle County and pressure from market competition makes this bill very timely for us.

We encourage legislators to support HB23-1139 and are happy to provide additional testimony if needed.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Chair

Matt Scherr  
Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney  
Commissioner