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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: El Dorado County's Board of Supervisors Support for a Variance to Accelerate Pace of Advancing Through Stage 2 of the State's Pandemic Roadmap

Dear Governor Newsom:

Our Board met today to discuss El Dorado County proceeding with Stage II of the "State of California's Pandemic Roadmap." Upon review of the Public Health Officer's Attestation of Readiness, as well as the Containment Plan prepared by the Health Officer and Emergency Operations Center, our Board strongly supports allowing Stage 2 businesses to proceed with all aspects of Stage 2 as soon as they have finished developing and implementing their plans in accordance with the State's guidelines for their respective industries.

We also reviewed the letters of support written by our two local hospitals, Marshall Medical Center and Barton Health, and the letters of support from the City Councils of the Cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. We listened to a presentation from Dr. Williams fully describing the County's readiness to move on to Stage 2 that was presented to our Board at a special meeting on April 28, heard public comment on that presentation on that date, and took additional public comment relative to this matter during a special Board meeting this morning where Dr. Williams presented her completed Variance Attestation. All of the evidence presented supports our determination that El Dorado County is ready and prepared to safely undertake all of the businesses and activities set forth in Stage 2, and is fully prepared to address any potential increased infection or hospitalization rates that could result in a timely, effective manner, including reinstating restrictions as recommended by the Health Officer as described in the Attestation.

In conclusion, our Board has determined that El Dorado County has well surpassed the minimum readiness standards and is in an excellent position to maintain them for the long run and we fully support Dr. Williams' Variance Attestation.

Brian Veerkamp, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Date