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

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of El Dorado County and our shared constituents, we would like to thank you for your leadership on obtaining critical COVID-19 aid. California's counties were the first to react and respond to COVID-19 and our efforts have been successful in "flattening the curve" to reduce the number of positive cases and deaths in our state. While the COVID-19 aid packages have brought a measure of relief to States, small businesses, and some local governments, California's counties are facing unprecedented demands on public health and critical safety net services at the same time that our ability to fund them is rapidly deteriorating.

To help counties manage the pressures of COVID-19 expenses and lost revenues, we strongly and respectfully urge the State Legislature and Administration to allocate resources directly to counties. Specifically, California's counties request:

- \$1.1 billion in residual CARES Act funds based on direct service responsibilities (80% to counties with less than 500,000 population);
- State to cover deferred revenue caused by the Sales Tax Layaway Program;
- Protections and mitigations for 1991 and 2011 Realignment programs and funding;
- Assistance to counties with cash flow solutions to address short term needs.

Fewer than one-third of California's counties received funding under the CARES Act via the Coronavirus Relief Fund, yet every California County is on the front line of responding to the COVID-19 crisis and needs immediate, flexible, and direct relief for both expenses and lost revenues.

El Dorado County has already modified its revenue outlook for the remainder of FY 2019-20 and for the coming year, and have reduced expenditures for the coming budget year. We anticipate moving towards further targeted and necessary reductions in the coming months, absent any fiscal relief from our State and federal partners.

Again, we are thankful for your leadership and focus on the overwhelming needs and challenges facing state and local governments. We are committed to a solution that helps our state and El Dorado County mitigate, respond to, and recover from these historic times.

Sincerely,

Brian Veerkamp, Chair
Board of Supervisors