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April 17, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CARES funding for Counties under 500,000 population

Dear Governor Newsom:

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. Section 5001 of this act established a Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide \$150 billion in funding to States, U.S. Territories, and Tribes to meet the challenges presented by COVID-19.

While Congress did allow for large cities and counties to directly receive assistance from the U.S. Treasury, there were logistical concerns about allowing every jurisdiction in the nation to separately request direct funding from the Treasury. On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I am writing you to request that your office develop a process for smaller counties to request their portion of California's State allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which the Congressional Research Services estimates to be \$15.3 billion.

As you know, Placer County has been on the front lines of the Coronavirus response after the County recorded the first death from the virus in California. Over the past month, similar to all jurisdictions, our local economy has already been greatly impacted. We all face a double-edged sword with declining revenues and increasing expenditures to fight this disease. To date, Placer County has spent approximately \$4.1 million in direct response to the virus, including \$2.7 million above and beyond our ordinary labor and operational costs.

Flexible and streamlined access to funding is vital as we work to combat the effects of the coronavirus on our local communities. The Coronavirus Relief Fund was designed to reinforce every county and city struggling to cope with this pandemic. Your attention and action on this matter are paramount.

Thank you for all you and your team are doing to assist us during this time. Should you have any questions for us, please contact Joel Joyce (539) 889-4026 or at jjoyce@placer.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Gore, Chair

Placer County Board of Supervisors

CC: Members, Placer County State Legislative Delegation; Placer County Board of Supervisors