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July 30, 2020

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

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request your consideration in releasing federal CARES Act monies immediately to Placer County as our employees are the ones at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis and are focused on supporting the dire needs of our communities.

As elected officials, our leadership through this tragedy is tested daily. As a local government we are responsible for the boots on the ground response, every hour of every day. This effort is led by our local Public Health Officer, public health employees, local businesses, residents, social workers, first responders, and a host of others, including our city partners. All of us in Placer County are committed to defeating this pandemic and helping restore our communities.

In the spirit of collaboration, we implore you to immediately release all local CARES Act funding as appropriated by the federal government as we work in our community to meet critical needs and achieve outcomes you, your team and all of us desire. Local leadership is on the front line of "doing what's necessary" for Californians. We are dedicated to doing what is right for our communities and request release of all CARES Act funding immediately.

In Placer County, we have already committed 80 percent of our CARES Act funding to support our residents through County operations, including our most vulnerable residents with housing and food services. We have also committed 20 percent to our local community in the form of small grants to businesses and non-profits which have been hit especially hard during this pandemic. We understand this funding will not solve all the problems; however, it is our hope it can bridge the gap until we can reopen our community safely.

Lastly, thank you for your support for local governments in recognizing the need for CARES funding. It is imperative we do not fail our most vulnerable residents and our success in meeting this challenge will be greatly increased when we are given our much-needed resources.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie M. Gore".

Bonnie Gore, Chair (District 1)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors; Todd Leopold, Placer County Executive Officer; Shaw/Yoder/Antwih