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July 20, 2020

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senator

Senator Bennet,

Thank you for all you have done to address the COVID-19 crises. Congress has been swift in passing three relief bills and we add our voices to the national call for the Senate to pass the 4th COVID-19 supplemental, the "Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act". We greatly appreciate your leadership and support of the HEROES Act, which would provide \$2.2B in desperately needed direct and flexible assistance to Colorado municipalities, including \$1.3B in aid to our cities and towns, to offset the devastating collapse in revenues facing jurisdictions across Colorado.

Local governments are concurrently facing an unparalleled budget catastrophe and an exponential increase in demand for services. While we appreciated the direct fiscal assistance to states and cities in the CARES Act, because only cities with a population of 500,000 or more received direct assistance, only one of our jurisdictions received direct funding. With our balanced budget requirement, our municipalities are facing major cuts to our workforce and the essential services relied upon by millions of Coloradans. In addition to being major employers, our state and local governments also account for 75% of the nation's infrastructure investment. Absent direct and flexible assistance, this crisis will negatively impact the investments that are key to recovery and rebuilding a sustainable economy for many years.

Thank you, again, for your efforts during this unprecedented time and for your strong support of the HEROES Act.

Respectfully,  
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