



## City of Boulder City Council

Mayor Sam Weaver

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Yates

Council Members: Aaron Brockett, Rachel Friend, Junie Joseph,  
Mirabai Nagle, Adam Swetlik, Mark Wallach, Mary Young

March 19, 2020

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

The City of Boulder applauds your efforts to respond to the national crisis that has arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic. Your staunch leadership in these difficult times is needed now more than ever and greatly appreciated by all of us.

We know your office is receiving requests for support for a comprehensive list of priorities from many local government organizations including the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities. The city supports these recommendations but asks for your specific support for funding and resources that directly support those whose lives and livelihoods are directly threatened by the pandemic. We understand that a COVID-19 economic stimulus package is moving rapidly through the legislative process, and that difficult choices will have to be made on what to prioritize. We request that you focus on the below programs and policies:

### Federal Programs

- Homeless Assistance Programs (including the Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (including a suspension of the 15% public services cap)
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Program
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

## Policy and Funding

- Allocating additional funding to Small Business Administration (SBA) for the disbursement of disaster assistance loans to affected communities
- Ensuring financial resources for unemployed individuals or those at-risk of unemployment including Unemployment Insurance and other federal benefit programs
- Providing loan repayment relief and interest forgiveness while allocating targeted funding to local entities that provide emergency mortgage and rental payments to prevent families from eviction
- Appropriating emergency funding for childcare programs including Head Start and Early Head Start

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The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senate  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gardner:

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The Honorable Joe Neguse  
United States House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Neguse:

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