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Dear Members of the California Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the California Mayor's Coalition, I want to thank you for the swift action undertaken to address the immediate needs of our nation during the COVID-19 pandemic. While emergency funding provided to state and local governments through the CARES Act was urgently needed, it was not sufficient for smaller cities.

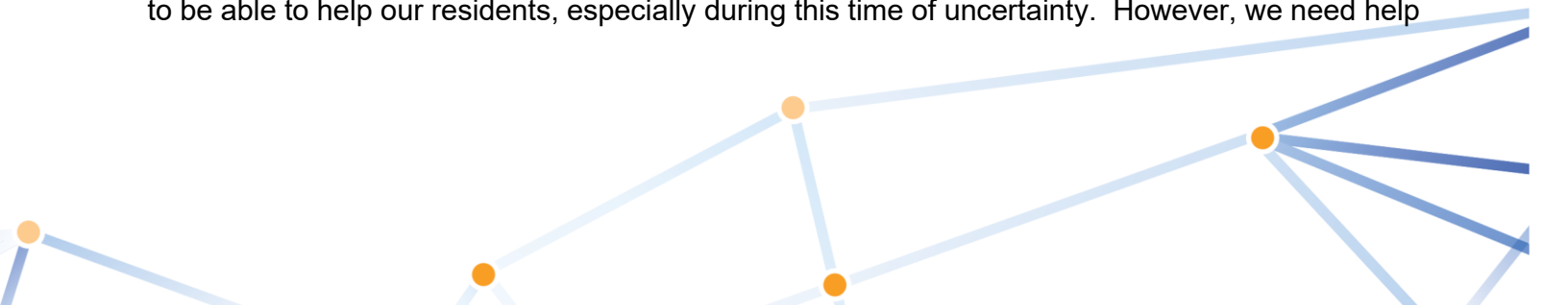
Despite the uncertainty and rapidly changing nature of this crisis, local jurisdictions are on the front lines and are increasing efforts to ensure the health and safety of residents. To meet this challenge, it is imperative that Congress provide local financial support in the "Phase 4" COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package by providing direct funding allocations to cities with less than 500,000 residents to be used to replace lost revenue due to impacts of COVID-19.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, local governments have taken swift action to protect and serve our community. Throughout this crisis, our cities have been delivering emergency services, providing support for our homeless populations, providing senior care and social services for our residents and supporting local businesses and community organizations. The measures our cities have taken are costly, yet necessary.

We continue to provide these additional services in a time when our city revenue sources have been drastically reduced. Our California cities rely heavily on sales tax to maintain our general fund operations, a tax source that has effectively been eliminated since California's stay at home order was put in place on March 19. Collectively, California's 482 cities anticipate that we will lose \$6.7 billion over the next two years because of the coronavirus pandemic. Each of our cities has already lost millions of dollars in revenue over the past 6 weeks. These shortfalls will not only impact our ability to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, but will impact our core city services including police, fire, emergency management, capital projects and housing projects.

Above all, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a major impact on local communities. Additional federal funding is essential so that local governments can continue to provide the necessary support to address the increase in unemployment, minimize the economic impact of business closures, ensure all students have access to education, meet the child care and housing needs of residents, and maintain public transportation agencies and social welfare programs.

We have each taken significant and costly steps to mitigate the spread of this virus. We are proud to be able to help our residents, especially during this time of uncertainty. However, we need help



and we need help quickly. It is critical that an economic relief package is passed by Congress to provide direct funding allocations to cities to be used for COVID-19 response and revenue loss.

Again, thank you for your efforts and we look forward to working with you to overcome this crisis.

Sincerely,



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