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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
1236 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

cc: California Congressional Delegation

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of The California Mayors Coalition – a bipartisan organization of more than 100 California Mayors – we are writing to urge you to support President Biden’s American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, including the provision of direct financial support to all cities.

Municipalities in the United States are facing a \$90 billion revenue shortfall as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in the loss of close to one million local government jobs and cuts to essential services during this national emergency. Passage of this legislation will allow cities to maintain critical services and provide desperately needed support to our residents and businesses who have been impacted by the economic and health impacts of the pandemic.

Cities in California have received limited financial assistance to address the impacts of COVID-19, with more than 95% of cities receiving just \$12.80 per resident in CARES Act funding allocated by the State. The \$65 billion in direct relief to municipalities would allow cities throughout California to help drive an economic recovery while maintaining essential services. The American Rescue Plan provides equitable aid to cities on a per capita basis which would allow us to target assistance to residents and businesses at the local level. Equity in funding for all cities is one of the key policy goals of the California Mayors Coalition that all our members support.

Your support of President Biden’s plan is a vital action to addressing one of the most challenging times in our country’s history. The California Mayors Conference is committed to working in partnership with you in addressing this crisis and rebuilding our economy.

Thank you for your work at this critical time.

Sincerely,



Co-Chair Dr. Beth Haney
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