

CITY OF ELY

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April 17, 2020

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senate
144 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for the Senate Equivalent of *Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467)*

Dear Senator Rosen:

On behalf of the City of Ely, I respectfully request that you support the Senate equivalent of Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467), which provides \$250 billion to cities, towns, and villages with a population below 500,000 to offset the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to local governments.

We are drafting tentative budgets for FY2021 calling for as much as a 14% reduction in funding without confidence that this reduction will adequately reflect the shortfall. Painful and impossible choices will have to be made without federal assistance to address this. Nevada's reserve fund will not be enough to shore up the municipalities' finances. Nevada took a critical step to slow the pandemic by closing its casinos statewide on March 18 which slowed the spread of the virus throughout the region and across the country. The economic impact to our economy has been and will continue to be substantial.

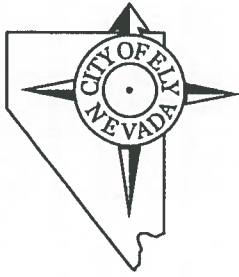
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Best regards and stay safe,

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United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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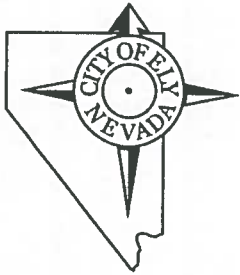
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The Honorable Steven Horsford
U.S. House of Representatives
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for *Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467)*

Dear Representative Horsford:

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