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Commissioner Clare Duda
Chair, Douglas County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Chairman Duda,

The CARES 3 Act provides funding for communities with populations over 500,000 which includes Douglas County. Citizens of Omaha account for approximately 82% of the county's population. It is the intent of the Act that counties distribute funds to the local governments within their jurisdiction.

We have started to calculate our COVID-19 expenses that we believe are responsive to the Act and the Guidance (April 22, 2020). The attached documentation lists the Cost Reduction Actions we have already implemented, and additional, more severe cuts that may be needed if we do not receive any of the Cares Act funds for COVID-related expenses.

We are asking you to reimburse the City of Omaha for our expenses (March 1-May 31, 2020) with CARES Act funds already received by the County.

All of us represent constituents who live in the City of Omaha who could be significantly impacted by unexpected costs directly related to Covid-19. Reimbursement will allow us to continue government operations without interruption in services to our citizens.

We look forward to agreements with Douglas County and the State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Jean Stothert, Mayor
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Stephen B. Curtiss
Finance Director