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The Honorable Jared Polis  
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Governor Polis,

On behalf of our more than 26,000 members across the state, Colorado REALTORS® want to thank and commend you for your strong leadership during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Your administration has been faced with unimaginable circumstances and you have met them with diligence and kindness.

In addition to matters of health and safety, our Association is concerned about the potential impacts the pandemic will have on property owners and residents who are in the process of buying, selling, and leasing homes and other property throughout Colorado. This public health crisis could result in the devastation of the real estate market, which in turn would have serious and long-lasting impacts to the state's economy.

In contemplation of further necessary limitations on local and state government services, we seek to minimize potential interruptions within the real estate industry by respectfully requesting that real estate-related services should be considered as essential under any future emergency orders. We are especially focused on the county clerk services needed to transfer and record property ownership, but also those services provided by other affiliated industries such as permitting, lending, inspections, construction, and title/closing services.

Without an express exception for real estate services, any mandated limitations on the physical movement of Coloradans could have devastating short and long-term impacts on the economy of Colorado and its citizens. Currently, both Illinois and Nevada have acknowledged the importance of the real estate industry to the basic economic health of their respective economies.

Please accept this formal request that any "shelter in place" or other orders related to the limitation of movement of people in Colorado include an exception that provides, in substance: ***"Essential services related to real estate transactions include, but are not limited to, title searches, appraisals, permitting, inspections, construction, moving, and the recordation, legal, financial and other services necessary to complete a transfer of real property."***

There remains no doubt the Coronavirus pandemic will disrupt the lives Colorado residents, but impacts that would be substantial, especially those that are financial, may be lessened if essential real estate services can be continued.

Colorado REALTORS® are ready to partner with you and your administration, and we are eager to work together to protect our members, their clients, and all of Colorado citizens during this crisis. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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