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A Message from the County Commissioners and Sheriff of Teller County

The Teller County Commissioners and the Sheriff recognize that some of the restrictions in the Governor's Safer at Home Order are harming local businesses and that some in our County are frustrated with these restrictions. We also know that the overwhelming majority of people in our community are law-abiding folks and support our efforts to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people in our County are going through hard times, including our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and families.

We realize a balance must be struck between protecting the public health and protecting our long-term economic health. When we are able to start to reopen our economy, this balance requires each of us to commit to being personally responsible, taking personal safety measures, respecting others, and complying with current laws and orders.

In support of our local business owners, employees, and residents, on May 8th, Teller County submitted a request to the State for a variance from the Safer at Home Order to help our economy start to reopen and recover. We solicited input from local businesses and community members and spent considerable time and effort with the variance request to demonstrate the unique circumstances in Teller County that justify the granting of a variance from the Order. We are hopeful the State will recognize that Teller County can be trusted to reopen our local economy and that our residents will continue to be responsible and safety conscious as we do so.

As we have said from the beginning, we will get through this together. We hope to return to normal as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you for your patience, support, resilience and, most of all, for staying **#TellerStrong**.