May 26, 2020

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey
Governor, State of Arizona
1700 W. Washington St.
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Dear Governor Ducey:

Communities across Arizona have been hit hard by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. With revenues plummeting and the unanticipated costs of the response to this crisis, our cities and towns need a lifeline now.

Congress provided assistance to states through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and Arizona was allocated more than $1.8 billion. It is imperative a portion of these funds be allocated immediately to assist communities struggling to maintain vital services while they continue response efforts and work to safely reopen our economy. Additional delay in distributing these funds will result in layoffs and furloughs of essential workers, further staving off recovery efforts. Our communities are the backbone of our state and now, more than ever, we cannot leave them behind.

We urge you to immediately allocate resources to our communities on the frontlines of this crisis and need assistance now to survive. Anything short of this will cause irreparable harm to our long-term recovery efforts.

Sincerely,

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress

Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress