

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

September 24, 2020

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write today as Members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation on behalf of the State of Nevada to request that you reconsider your decision to deny Governor Sisolak's request for 100 percent federal cost share for use of the National Guard under Title 32 of the U.S. Code for the fight against COVID-19 through December 31, 2020. An extension remains critical to ensuring the safety and health of all Nevadans during this pandemic, and we urge you to reconsider the decision to reduce the federal cost share.

The August 3 memorandum, which outlined new federal cost share policies for state National Guards, is irresponsible in the face of the health crisis we continue to face and will have adverse effects on Nevada and other states' ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reducing federal cost share from 100 percent to 75 percent places a large burden on Nevada, whose National Guard members are working hard to address the impact of COVID-19 on their fellow citizens. We strongly disagree with the memorandum's stated assessment that "the threat posed by COVID-19 has been sufficiently mitigated" in Nevada. Nevada has seen over 74,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with a daily positivity rate of 7 percent, and 243 daily new cases on September 15. The threat posed by COVID-19 is still present across the country, including in Nevada, which is still grappling with a high transmission rate. While California, Connecticut, and Arizona were in the initial group of states which were designated for a cost share reduction under the August 3 memorandum, you made the decision on August 7 to allow full federal cost share for these states. We request that you reinstate full federal cost share for Nevada as well.

As we have noted in previous correspondence, the Nevada National Guard has been critical to our state with their direct support of Nevada's state and local response efforts. National Guard service members provide important assistance for community-based collection sites, logistics, warehouse distribution, homeless isolation/quarantine shelters, COVID-19 mapping work sites, operations centers, and much more. The Nevada National Guard's work will continue to be central to keeping Nevadans healthy, and getting Nevada's economy back on track.

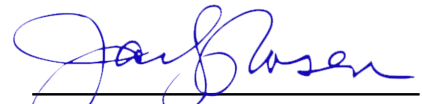
Therefore, we once again request that you extend the full federal cost share through December 31, 2020, with required monthly assessments, in order to allow the Nevada National Guard to continue supporting these mission critical tasks.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,



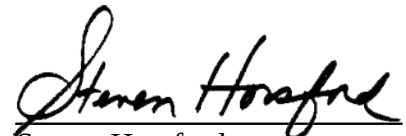
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