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Dear Members of the General Assembly and Organizational and Individual Domestic Violence Supporters,

Thank you for your letter on April 8, 2020, requesting support and information about the state's efforts to serve Colorado's vulnerable populations, such as survivors of domestic violence and their children. Like you, we are committed to protecting the health and safety of all residents during this unprecedented time. We are acutely aware of the impact this event is having on Colorado individuals, families, businesses, and the economy overall and I would like to start by thanking our domestic violence organizations and individual supporters for your incredible hard work, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication during this unprecedented time. Your commitment is deeply appreciated.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources. To that end, we acknowledge that survivors of domestic violence and their children may be facing additional risks at this time.

We are making great strides in obtaining Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for essential workers, and are building our supply chains for tests and PPE, and will prioritize domestic violence organizations and other programs providing residential services in the priority matrix for distribution. We have been engaging motels, hotels, and event venues operators attempting to secure space for those experiencing homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence. Additionally, the Safer at Home order acknowledges there are individuals who don't feel safe at home and urges them to find a safer place to stay and provides domestic violence support information. Finally, we continue to urge our Congressional Delegation to prioritize funding for vulnerable populations.

My administration is working tirelessly to find solutions that will help individuals, youth, and families during this difficult time. I am committed to making sure that all Coloradans can survive these challenges with as little disruption to their lives as possible, and to ensuring our economy gets back on track. Again, I appreciate the hard work and resourcefulness of domestic violence organizations as we collectively respond to this unprecedented event. Only together can we protect the health and safety of all Coloradans. We appreciate your continued service to Colorado and thank you for your advocacy on behalf of your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

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