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The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of the State of Colorado
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203


Dear Governor Polis,


Along with the people of Colorado we are watching the data on COVID-19 cases closely. That data is difficult to interpret at best and incomplete or misleading at worst. We think we need to do better to inform Coloradans of the nature of this crisis. We also note that your office has been unwilling to share the future projections on the spread of the virus you received from CDPHE. This is of great concern. The people of Colorado deserve better.

We understand the severity of this virus. The confidence our citizens depend on to trust their governments actions and the long-term health of our economy must be addressed. As of yet, we have no indication from you about specific guidelines, which will determine when we have made enough progress to put desperate Colorado workers back on the job and allow our businesses to reopen. The public has no way to understand how this virus is progressing since you have refused to release projections to which you have access. Charging fees and delaying the dissemination of this data is in conflict with the spirit of the Colorado Open Records Act and must be corrected immediately.

The people of Colorado rely on an open and honest government. We believe you should provide a specific plan with metrics and details about the virus spread model on which you are relying. Without this, the people of Colorado will lose confidence in their State Government.

Respectfully,



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