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Good Morning All,

I hope that all is well with you. I am writing to ask your support for release of the CARES Act funds to the municipalities of SD in a similar manner as the US Treasury released the funds to municipalities of States where those municipalities are of populations = and > 500,000.

Although none of the SD municipalities are of such large populations, they vary greatly from each other. Thus using a reimbursement or refund mechanism does not appear to be the best mechanism for some municipalities like Brookings.

As you know, Brookings is unique in that it houses several manufacturing facilities, SDSU and a Medical complex.

It is in the top 10 most populated counties in the state.

The ability to manage the funds to meet the goals of the US Treasury to achieve Covid Relief would be facilitated greatly if the State allowed the municipalities, in particular the large ones to manage disbursed funds directly.

The world has been given a unique opportunity to perform a dry run for a more visibly deadly virus. This virus is very infectious but not as deadly as some others. However, those who have been infected and do not die are left with damage to the heart, lung, kidney, liver and all internal regions that express the ACE receptor, a critical binding site for the virus in order to invade the body. Thus the critical need to avoid infections by modifying the air handling systems and entrances to buildings throughout all municipalities.

Unlike Polio where the after effects of infection are visible to all (deformed limbs), Covid-19's debilitating effects are not as obvious to the public.

The changes made now, while there are funds available will serve us well for future pandemics when the funds now available are no longer available.

To accomplish the best use of the funds, the US Treasury distributed the funds based on a 45% municipality: 55% State with the 45% municipality calculated on % of municipality population to the States total population.

Thank you very much for your consideration with this matter.

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The molecular Biology information is based on my past training as a PH.D in Molecular Biology with employment at the National Institutes of Health