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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of the State of Florida  
The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Broward County City Managers' Association (BCCMA) thanks you for your leadership during these unprecedented times. As you know, South Florida has been the hardest hit region in the state by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your continued support of the Broward County municipalities that are on the front lines of this public health emergency is of vital importance.

As you also know, the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the CARES Act includes \$139 billion of direct funding to states and local governments with populations greater than 500,000. However, there are no allocations for cities with populations less than 500,000 and as such no cities in Broward County will be direct recipients of CARES Act funding.

Because the population of Broward County was used to calculate the \$8.3 billion payment to the State of Florida from the federal government, we respectfully request that the State of Florida use a portion of these funds to assist Broward County municipalities with closing the funding gap on necessary expenditures and estimated revenue shortfalls which are forecast to be more than \$100 million.

Although every municipality in Broward County has a population less than 500,000, significant necessary expenditures have been made that were 1) incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, 2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 and, 3) incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending December 30, 2020. All of which are eligible purposes for which the Coronavirus Relief Fund may be used.

Your work on behalf of all Floridians during these challenging times is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of BCCMA's request that you allocate a portion of the funding Florida has received for Broward County municipalities and their residents. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Harrison".

Greg Harrison  
President

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